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Labor Continues Fight Against Payroll Tax

City Council Hears Town Hall Sentiments

Labor continued its fight this week against the payroll tax ordinance pending before City Council with Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO, continuing in his role of chief opponent of the measure before Council on Monday morning of this week. "I am very definitely opposed to this tax and I will continue to be opposed until it makes sense," said the UAW director in prefacing his remarks against the tax measure.

Mr. Gosser repeated his principal points of disagreement with the payroll tax which he mentioned in his talk before Council at its Dec. 28 meeting, saying that if City Council passed the tax as it now stands he would get the necessary signatures to put the issue on the ballot for the fall election.

Blames C of C

Discussing whether or not Toledo has shown the growth which might be expected of it, Mr. Gosser said, "Toledo hasn't grown the way it should because of the Chamber of Commerce which has kept industry out of Toledo. I have no desire to see any tax that would keep industry out of this city."

He said that he wanted to make it very clear that exemptions for the low income earners must be written into the ordinance and specifically named the sum of $2500 as the figure.

Discussing ways and means of raising revenue for the city, Mr. Gosser said that other cities had

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First Again

The former first lady of the land, Eleanor Roosevelt, added another to the many firsts of her career when she was named the only American woman delegate to the United Nations Organization Assembly currently convening in London. (LPA)

GM Ads Do Stink

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (LPA)—GM's strike-breaking propaganda campaign had repercussions in all sections of the country last week. Major developments were:

1—While still paying thousands of dollars for daily newspaper ads throughout the nation GM hired labor-hating radio commentator Henry J. Taylor for a twice weekly 15 minute program over 282 Mutual stations at a cost of $8000 a week for airtime alone.

2—In Cleveland, Station WHK refused to renew a contract with the Cleveland District Auto Council and announced at the same time that it would become the outlet for a national program of "comment" by GM. The CIO's program which presented labor's position in the auto strike, was broadcast only once a week, whereas GM's contract provides for three programs.

Offer Free Time

3—After vigorous protests by the United Auto Workers-CIO and a complaint filed with the Federal Communications Commission, the Mutual network wired UAW Vice-President Walter Reuther an offer of 15 minutes free time a week for rebuttal.

4—In New York it was disclosed that a Saturday Evening Post article on wages and the inability of corporations to meet labor pay demands was actually written by a man on GM's payroll. Published by the SEP early in November as the UAW strike was shaping up, the article identified its author, Peter Drucker, only as "an authoritative writer on economics." Now, however, in the current issue of Harpers, Drucker is shown to be "engaged in some special research for the General Motors Corp."

Reuther Protests Series

Asking the Treasury Department not to permit GM tax deductions for the Taylor series, Reuther said that the "Taylor emissions are neither news nor objective comments."

The UAW told the FCC that his broadcasts were "economic poison."

Variety, "Bible" of the entertainment professions, pointed out caustically that "The wedding of Henry J. Taylor and GM is a perfect union . . . Taylor is a champion of free enterprises Of course, his clarion call could have just as well been sounded 30 years ago and its portrayal of 'Your Land and Mine' completely ignores the economic changes of the nation brought about by the last two great wars and industrial development."

CIO Girls Aid Polio Fund Drive

CIO women are taking a greater interest in the drive for funds for the Infantile Paralysis Fund than ever before. Pictured here are a few of the lovelies from Toledo CIO plants who will sell tickets for this years Infantile Paralysis Ball to be held at the Trianon Ballroom the night of January 31. One of the CIO girls will be selected to one of the three top spots at the ball-Queen, Princes, or Lady-in-Waiting which brings with it a trip to New York City with all expenses paid. Eight girls from three CIO plants have already entered the ticket selling popularity contest. Others will eligible to enter up to the Jan. 24 deadline set by the Infantile Paralysis Ball committee. Pictured above left to right are: Betty Jane Ball, 623 Colburn Street; Eleanor Parker, 20, 402 Bender Drive; Mrs. June Johnston, 20, 629 Willard Street; Dorothy Drabik, 20, 1230 Nebraska Avenue, all employes of the Champion Spark Plug Co., and Bernadina Chorzempa, 25, 522 East Lake Street, Willys-Overland Motors, Inc.

Pact Sets Precedent For Auto Industry

DETROIT, Jan. 8 (Special)—A new note was injected into the struggle of the United Automobile Workers-CIO strife for higher wages here today when announcement was made simultaneously by the UAW-CIO and Henry J. Kaiser, chairman, and Joseph W. Frazer, president, of the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation, announcing the signing of a unique union contract.

International UAW-CIO officers made no attempt to conceal their satisfaction with the new contract which provides a precedent in the automotive industry in the form of a bonus which will be divided among the corporation's employees annually.

Provisions Of Contract

Following were announced as high points of the new contract:

1. Wage rates to be based on prevailing rates at the Ford Motor Co. Rouge plant, rated as the highest in the automobile industry.

2. Provides for meeting any pay increases granted by General Motors resulting from the current strike of UAW-CIO members in GM plants.

3. Sets up a pool by setting aside $5 for each Kaiser car and Frazer car producing during the year at the corporation's Willow Run plant. The pool to be divided among the corporation's employees annually.

Estimate Pool Fund

Estimates prepared by the corporation place the number of cars to be produced each year at 300,000 bringing the pool to approximately $1,500,000.

Provision is made in the contract that any worker participating in a wildcat strike would be denied a share in the poll fund for the period in which he was eligible to participate.

Also provided in the contract are a union shop, checkoff, and one of the best veterans clauses to be yet written.

R. J. Thomas, UAW-CIO president, expressed complete satisfaction with the results of the negotiations between the corporation and union and described negotiations as "one of the bright lights in labor-management relations."

Watch For Reaction

Careful watch is being made by interested parties here to the reaction of General Motors and other Big Three automobile

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Business Slows Down Reconversion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (LPA) — The hesitancy of business to go all-out on production has retarded and will continue to retard reconversion, A. F. Hinrichs, acting commissioner of labor statistics of the U. S. Labor Department, declared last week.

Although noting that "there has been a decrease in total wage and salary payments," he found it less drastic than expected and on the whole anticipated that "the outlook for 1946 is for further economic expansion."

Unemployment at the years beginning is far less serious than most people anticipated before V-J, while "at the same time production in many lines is picking up only slowly," Hinrichs said.

The early months of 1946 will continue to be marked by "business caution," the commissioner predicted. "There is inevitable uncertainty with respect to prices, wages and other costs, and programs for the delivery of materials and parts. This makes for difficulty in the formulation of production programs and the negotiation of contracts.

This process of feeling out the economic situation that existed also after the last war, seems to be a more significant and persistent cause of delay in reconversion than either the wave of industrial disputes or the lack of interest of businessmen in sales during 1945 that would added little to net profits after taxes.

New Job Outlook

"It thus appears almost certain," declared Hinrichs, "that new jobs will develop somewhat more slowly than men are demobilized.

Current figures on unemployment do not show the full dimensions of our need for additional jobs, however. There is evidence that returning veterans are taking well-earned vacations and are 'looking around' before reporting themselves as looking for work. So also are some of those laid off from war jobs.

We must therefore," Hinrichs continued, "anticipate a decrease in the number reporting themselves as not in the labor force and a corresponding increase in the number looking for work. The total of current unemployment plus prospective job seekers, who are not immediately available for employment but will be entering the labor force in coming months, is therefore about 3,500,000.

CLU. Lists Its Needs

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (LPA) — Advancement of our civil liberties during 1946 should include enactment of a federal permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, wiping off the statute books laws restricting the right to strike, and adoption of bills providing for equal pay for men and women doing the same work. These are one of the recommendations of the American Civil Liberties Union in its annual Jan. 1 report on the state of civil liberties.

Among the gains listed for 1945 were the court decisions wiping from the statute books some of the worst of the state anti-labor laws promoted by the so-called Christian American Assn., and other reactionary employer groups.

The ACLU called for the abolition of the poll tax during 1946, and opposed any enactment of peacetime conscription laws, or of measures restricting the right of labor to strike.

Unemployed Vets Are Increasing

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5.—The number of unemployed servicemen seeking readjustment allowances under the G. I. Bill of Rights increased sharply in Ohio during the past two months, Charles H. Jones, administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, said today.

New claims for the $20-per-week readjustment allowances for eligible unemployed veterans increased 92 per cent during November when 10,112 applied at local B. U. C. offices and went up another 38 per cent in December. Payments increased to a total of $547,000 for the state during November, and then reached a new record high of $1,083,000 during December.

At the same time, benefit payments under the Ohio unemployment compensation law continued at the same high volume reached after V-J Day layoffs. During November these pay ments totaled $5,623,000 and increased to a new record high of $6,775,000 during December. New claims for state benefits declined, however, from 31,059 in November to 23,693 in December.

The upswing in number of unemployed servicemen filing claims reflects the increase in number of veterans being discharged from service, Mr. Jones said.

L-M Battle Opens Jan. 14

Senate To Hold 30-Day Hearing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (LPA) — A full month of hearings on President Truman's demand for fact-finding and cooling-off legislation will start before the Senate Education and Labor Committee on Jan. 14. The House Labor Committee, which started its hearings before the Congressional recess, will not reopen them until after it deals with new legislation to return the U. S. Employment Service to the states.

Labor, management and government representatives will appear in pairs before the Senate committee to state their views Line-up for the first four days is as follows:

Jan. 14—President R. J. Thomas, of the United Auto Workers-CIO, and President C. E. Wilson, of General Motors.

Jan. 15 — President Philip Murray of the CIO, and Vice-president John A. Stephens of U. S. Steel.

Jan. 16 — Chairman Paul Herzog of the Nat'l Labor Relations Board, and Dr. Wm. Leiserson, former NLRB member.

Jan. 17 — Dr. George M. Taylor and Wm. H. Davis, both former chairmen of the defunct War Labor Board.

Without exception, labor leaders have condemned the proposed legislation, while only a handful of industry representatives have gone on record in opposition.

CIO To Aid Fund Drive

Annual Polio Drive Gets Flying Start

A flying start was made by CIO girls in the annual infantile paralysis fund drive following a buffet luncheon at the Secor Hotel on Tuesday night of this week.

The girls, employed in Toledo plants will sell tickets for the annual Infantile Paralysis Ball, to be held at the Trianon Ballroom the evening of Jan. 31. Proceeds from the ball will be turned over to the National and Toledo Chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Three Plants Enter

CIO girls employed in three local plants signified their intention to compete for the prizes which are offered to the labor union women who participate in the ticket selling contest.

Those already entered include June Raise, 2728 118th St., DeVilbiss; Bernadine Chorzempa, 522 E. Lake and Virginia Kosman, 655 E. Pearl, Willys-Overland; Dorothy Drabik, 1230 Nebraska, Eleanor Parker, 402 Bender Drive, Norma Kiefer, 2364 Dana, June Johnston, 629 Willard and Betty Jane Ball, 623 Colburn, Champion Spark Plug.

Entry Deadline Set

Deadline for entry into the ticket selling contest is Jan. 24. Any girl belonging to CIO may obtain her entry blank and secure tickets by calling at the office of the TOLEDO UNION JOUNAL, or from Ollie Pecord or Jean Rogers, Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St. ,

Prizes are awarded to the

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Political Action Urged By Gosser

Lima Meeting Passes Important Measures

LIMA, Jan. 5 (Special)—Three hundred members of the UAW-CIO representing 50,000 auto workers in Region 2-B met here today in the largest conference ever held in the region and heard their regional director Richard Gosser, Toledo, emphasize the need for increased political action.

Director Gosser's talk bristled with barb for the Ohio Steel Foundry of this city and the Piqua Shovel Co., Piqua, O., who, he said were inviting trouble because of their attitude toward the union.

Roundly condemning the Piqua plant management, he expressed the opinion that the plant would be struck by next Monday unless immediate settlement of the workers dispute with the company was made over the weekend.

Urges Political Action

Labor troubles could be eased according to the regional director if greater political action were taken by the unions to elect "liberal" candidates to office. He said that the state legislature should receive special attention, because the measures

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Blame Owners For Miner Tragedy

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 7 (LPA)—Entombed two miles underground in a flaming gas-filled inferno, 24 union miners lost their lives last week in the Kentucky Straight Creek Coal Co., mine at Pineville, solely because of the callous indifference of the company to some of the most elementary safety precautions.

The tragedy took on the proportions of a nationwide scandal as more and more Federal and state inspection reports showed that the mine was exceedingly dangerous in a score of respects and that the company had done nothing, in the face of repeated warnings, to remedy conditions.

Safety Conditions Poor

Safety conditions were described as "very, very poor" in a state mine inspector's report on Jan. 26, 1945. "Nothing is being done toward safety," said the report.

Kroger Workers Vote For Union

Workers of the Kroger Grocery and Baking Co., are voting this week in an NLBR election to determine a bargaining agent. Ballots were mailed out this week to 206 eligible employees in all the company's stores in Toledo and vicinity.

Deadline for returning the ballots to the Cleveland NLRB office was set for Jan. 17. Ballots received after that time will not be counted.

All employees of the Kroger stores with the exception of butchers and supervisory employees are eligible to vote. They will make their choice between the United Retail, Wholesale, Department Store Employees-CIO, the AEL and No Union.

Labor Backs Polio Drive

NEW YORK (LPA) — All three branches of organized labor are united in support of the 1946 March of Dimes drive conducted for the Nat'l Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Jan. 14 to 31. Thomas C. Cashen, Philip Murray and William Green are co-chairmen of the Labor Division of the March of Dimes fund, representing the Railroad Brotherhoods, CIO and AFL.

Proceeds of the fund, which supports the foundation set up eight years ago by President Roosevelt, go to meet its pledge that "no victim of polio shall go untreated for lack of funds, regardless of age, race, color or creed." The Foundation has appropriated more than $7,600,000 for scientific work on polio, in addition to giving emergency aid to communities hit by the disease.

Labor Is Ready For New B2H Bill

Modified Bill Faces Labor's Opposition

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (LPA)—A somewhat modified but still dangerous Ball-Hatch Bill faces labor opposition as fierce as the original Ball-Burton-Hatch (B2H) did when Congress reconvenes on Jan. 14.

The revised version, drawn up as was the original by lawyer Donald Richberg, abandons several of the features that labor found most obnoxious and which many union leaders declared flatly were "union-smashing." They are: compulsory arbitration, emasculation of the Wagner Act, and permission to private employers to obtain injunctions against unions whom they charge with violations of a no-strike pledge.

Would Establish Board

The new bill would establish a Federal Industrial Relations Board which would take over the present work of the U. S. Conciliation Service. The FIRB would consist of five members named by the President for five year terms at $12,000 a year.

In a labor dispute the bill provides for appointment of fact finding boards either by FIRB or the President.

Labor leaders find a joker in that the bill, unlike the Norton-Ellender legislation backed by the administration, gives the fact-finders no power to subpoena an employer's books. Also differing from the Norton-Ellender bill which calls for a 30-day cooling-off period, the B-H proposal provides for a cooling-

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WANNA SEE A FIGHT?

Amateur fights to be held each Tuesday evening at the Civic Auditorium under the sponsorship of Local 12 will have their inaugural next Tuesday, Jan. 15. For details see the sport page 6.

Steel Workers Are Prepared For A Battle

Fact Finding Panel Does Not Change Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (LPA)—The nation's steelworkers are going out in the biggest strike ever to hit the industry, beginning Jan. 14.

Appointment of a fact-finding panel in the U. S. Steel dispute by President Truman did not change the plans of the United Steelworkers of America-CIO to shut down the whole industry if management continues to refuse to negotiate the USA's demand for a $2 basic pay raise.

Truman ordered the panel to report by Feb. 10, and at the same time the President asked the OPA to "review the price ceiling structure on steel products with a view to determining not later than Feb. 1 whether any price increase would be proper."

The industry, which demanded a price rise from OPA even before it got the $2 a day wage demand, claims that it cannot bargain with the union until it has assurance from OPA that a price boost will be granted.

OPA ruled in November that

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SKILLED TRADES

Members of the Greater Toledo Tool, Die and Maintenance Council will hold their regular monthly meeting at Local 12, headquarters, 425 Winthrop St. Monday, Jan. 14 at 8:00 p. m. Members are urged to attend the meeting and bring a friend. Parlor "I".

Truman Appeals For Public Pressure

Warns Nation That Time Is Running Out

WASHINGTON (LPA)—President Truman last week devoted the major part of his year—beginning report to the nation to a defense of his program for fact-finding, cooling-off legislation to stop strikes. He also appealed to "the most powerful pressure grop in the world," the American people, to let their Congressmen and Senators know where they stand on a whole series of "must" legislative items.

"Nineteen forty-six is our year of decision," he told his nationwide radio audience. "This year we lay the foundation of our economic structure which will have to serve for generations. This year we must decide whether or not we shall devote our strength to reaching the goal of full production and full employment."

Time Runs Out

Truman reprimanded those members of Congress, members of powerful committees who have blocked any floor consideration of such important bills as those for a permanent FEPC, for supplementing unemployment insurance benefits, for renewal of the Price Control Act. "Time is running out," he asserted.

In the second section of his speech, devoted to the dangers of inflation, Truman pleaded with citizens to tell their Congressmen to renew the Price Control Act "as soon as possible and in advance of its expiration date, June 30, 1946." He also

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set waste paper cans around their towns which were used for advertising purposes and estimated that Toledo could raise $200,000 by this measure. An additional $118,000 could be realized from pinball machines, he said.

Cites City Needs

On inquiry from the UAW director relative to the sum of money required for the city's need for the year, Mr. Schoonmaker replied that $911,000 was needed above 1945 operating expenses to run the city.

Specifying the uses for the additional sum, the city manager said that $400,000 was needed to cover all the departments of the city; $200,000 for expanding and improving police, fire and health services and $300,000 for maintenance and equipment which had been neglected for several years due to the war.

Ronald T. Anderson, city finance director, said that the anticipated revenue from all sources would be $3,386,541 or $862,622 less than anticipated 1946 expenditures.

AFL Favors Tax

Floyd Bossler, AFL representative of the city employees, spoke and said that "I and the people I represent are not opposed to this tax."

Mr. Bossler spoke against the $2500 exemption urged by Richard Gosser and told of the need of city employees for wage increases which, he said, would only be possible if the city found means of raising its revenues. He said he would go along with any other plan that would raise money for the city.

Speaking again, Mr. Gosser said, "I'm against this plan, but I am in favor of an income tax." He said that Council should call all segments of the city together to raise the $911,000 needed and then plan to raise the tax. "We have already told you how you could raise $300,000," he said.

Asks Alternative Plan

When asked for an alternative plan to replace the proposed payroll tax as it now stands, Mr. Gosser said that it was Council's responsibility to devise the ways and means of raising city revenues and added, "This Council isn't responsible to anybody except to get themselves six or seven thousand votes."

Council, said Mr. Gosser, "should take a day and invite all segments to come here and be heard on a plan to raise money for the city."

Concluding his argument against the tax, the UAW director said, "I'm pleading with Council not to pass this bill as it now stands."

Speaks For Business

O. E. M. Keller, head of Kasco Mills and president of the Toledo Small Businessmen's Association, asked how the tax would affect his corporation which is located in Toledo, but which conducts the greater share of its business outside the city.

J. Slater Gibson, first assistant law director, explained that the tax was on all net profit earned in Toledo.

Mr. Keller objected to the tax on the grounds that Council did not know how much revenue it would raise and stated that the proceeds should be earmarked for specific municipal expenses."

Others Oppose Ordinance

Others who spoke against the measure were Tom Adair, Spicer Unit, Local 12, UAW-CIO; Herbert Russell, Toledo Steeel Unit, Local 12; Dave Guberman, labor attorney; Harry Schell, MESA, and Richard Meyers, Lucas County PAC.

Members of City Council with the exception of Councilmen Ollie Czelusta and Arthur Jurrus turned out on Monday night of this week to hear Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director, and Ronald Gregg, Toledo Municipal League executive secretary, debate the proposed payroll tax which has kept Council in a dither for the past few weeks.

While criticizing some parts of the proposed 1 per cent payroll tax, Mr. Gregg said that it was his belief that it was fair "because all pay it."

Tax Levy Cheaper

Mr. Gregg harked back to the defeat of the tax levies last fall and said that it would have been cheaper for the taxpayers to have passed the levy than to pay the tax which is now proposed by Council.

Principal points of criticism as stated by the Municipal League secretary centered upon the ordinance which specifically prohibits transfer of the money raised by the payroll tax to other than the purposes expressed in the ordinance.

He criticized Council for removing the "saving clause" which would have salvaged all parts of the ordinance save the one or ones found to be unconstitutional in the event that the ordinance should be put to a test in the courts.

Gosser Accepts Taxes

At the outset of his talk, Mr. Gosser said that he accepted that there must be some form of taxation, but that it was his belief that it should be based upon the ability to pay.

He said that there were many in Toledo who could not afford to pay the 1 per cent tax and pointed out that there were already a large number of people forced to turn to the Community Chest because of their need.

Pointing out that the proposed utility tax has not been heard of since the exemption was brought up, the UAW head said that an exemption must be granted under the 1 per cent payroll tax and said that $2500 was the figure he advanced.

Blames C of C

Again turning to the fact that Toledo has not experienced growth in the past years, he said, "Blame the Chamber of Commerce for keeping industry out of town. They did this in order to keep a surplus of labor in order to hold down wages."

Expressing his opposition to passing the payroll tax ordinance for five years, Mr. Gosser said, "that's another of those fast little things." He pointed out that after the tax levies were defeated in the November election that Council had come along with its tax plan and demanded that the issue be made the subject of approval or disapproval by the voters in the coming election.

Shooting The Moon

If the city's financial condition is so dire that the tax must be passed and Council passes it, they should be willing to let the people vote on the issue "instead of shooting for the moon," he said.

Taxation, said the UAW director, should be applied so that people can afford to pay it and pointed out that other cities throughout the United States, with the exception of Philadelphia have not passed such a tax. "Council tells us," he said, "that if we can't have this tax we're whipped. What are the rest of the cities of America doing?

Seeks Tax Exemptions

Exemptions should be based upon the circumstances surrounding the taxpayer, according to the UAW head. A person with children should not be required to pay the same tax as one with fewer children or none at all on identical incomes.

Concluding his talk, Mr. Gosser said, "If they don't give consideration and the right to vote on this, I pledge the people that I'll get 30,000 signatures and put the question on the ballot."

Gosser Invites Questions

In the question and answer period indulged in by the principals, Mr. Gosser laughingly invited the members of City Council to ask him questions. "It's their turn now." None took advantage of the opportunity save Councilman Tom Burke who explained the tax in New York and Indiana.

Mr. Gregg stated that the tax on corporations' net profit would be disappointing and said that it would probably amount to only $225,000 annually.

When asked what he had to offer in place of the proposed tax, Mr. Gosser said, "That's Council's responsibility. That's what we elected them for."

Favor Tax Exemptions

At the conclusion of the question and answer period, Dean Searles, who acted as moderator of the meeting, said that he was going to exercise his prerogative and ask several questions to determine the opinion of the large audience present for the debate.

The questions which Dean Searles asked were:

1. Do you favor more revenue for the city?
2. Are you in favor of real estate taxes to raise the money?
3. Do you favor the payroll tax now being considered by Council?
4. Do you favor the payroll tax with exemptions?

Practically all hands went up when the first question was asked; three or four for the second question; three or four for the third, and the vast majority on the fourth question.

Legal aspects of the tax ordinance and legal questions arising as a result of the debate were explained by J. Slater Gibson, first assistant law director.

The debate was held at the YMCA under the auspices of Toledo Town Hall.

PAC Is Threatened

SAN FRANCISCO (LPA) — California labor faced a new threat last week from anti-union interests that have for many years conducted heavily-financed campaigns for restrictive legislation. The new threat, promoted by a group calling itself the Committee for Political Freedom, follows close on the heels of the highly publicized DeMille Political Freedom Foundation.

Purpose of the campaign is to obtain enough signatures on an initiative petition titled "Political Campaign Contribution" to have the proposal placed on the ballot. The proposed law would prohibit any organization from levying "involuntary" assessments on its members for the purpose of raising political campaign funds.

Their Father Will Never Come Home

The six young children of Huey Miller can't quite comprehend that their father is buried two miles deep in the mine in which he worked near Pineville, Ky. Miller, 31, was one of the 24 miners trapped by explosions, raging fires and choking gas deep inthe bowels of the earth. The 24 members of the United Mine Workers, who left 23 widows and 135 children, were murdered because the mine owners time and time again ignored warnings by state and Federal authorities that the mine was unsafe and ready for just such a tradgedy as occurred. (LPA)

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of that body have a direct effect upon the welfare of the workers.

Specifically pointing out the need for increased unemployment compensation as one of the immediate needs of labor, Mr. Gosser urged the conference delegates to select liberal candidates, either Republican or Democratic and run them for the legislature. If no liberal candidate is available, they should pick one of their own members and back him for the office.

Attacks Sen. Taft

Leveling his attack on Sen. Taft of Ohio for his actions in the United States Senate, Director Gosser described the senior Ohio senator as a legislator "Who represents no thought of the average American public."

Councilman Thomas Burke, Toledo, expressed his contempt for compulsory arbitration and said that it was beneficial neither to labor nor to management.

Said Mr. Burke, "the best anyone ever got from arbitration was a compromise." He offered the suggestion that arbitration be made so difficult that management will settle without it.

Discuss Seniority Issue

World War I veterans with families have been displaced by returned World War II servicemen under the Hershey interpretation of the Selective Service Act, it was revealed by Christ Topel, UAW-CIO veterans director.

Mr. Topel expressed his opposition to the Hershey interpretation as did Joseph Ditzel of Regional Director Gosser's staff, who recently was discharged from the Army.

"Veterans of this war don't claim more consideration than the veterans of World War I," said Mr. Ditzel.

He said that while servicemen want and need the protection afforded by the union that they did not want to see a caste and privilege system established.

Contract Should Govern

Mr. Topel stated his belief that the terms of the contract should be the governing factor in the return of veterans to their former jobs. He told of the proviisons made by the union to give the servicemen seniority credit for the time they had served in the armed forces and explained how a worker with two years shop experience could return to his former job after three years in the armed forces and be credited for five years seniority.

Calling for clarification of the seniority issue made acute by the Hershey interpretation, Mr. Topel said that he hoped some settlement would soon be made to ease this growing problem.

Pass On Resolutions

A number of resolutions were passed by the conference including the following:

Calling on the International UAW-CIO Board "not to settle the General Motors strike until they get assurance that a sufficient raise will be granted to compensate workers for the present and near future raise in prices."

Compulsory arbitration was condemned in a resolution which opposed states or federal laws which would require its use. Such laws would be detrimental to the unions in that it stopped union progress and curtailed militancy.

Also adopted were resolutions calling for extension of price control to Jan. 1, 1947, passage of the original full employment bill by Congress; and one calling upon all workers to redouble their support of the General Motors strike.

The conference delegates were the guests of the three Lima Local UAW-CIO Unions whose headquarters were used for the meeting. Refreshments and dancing were provided by the Lima unions for their guests following the close of the day long meeting.

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three top ticket sellers securing the largest number of votes. Queen of the Ball, Princess and Lady in Waiting, the three top prizes go to one girl from CIO, AFL and MESA. The reward is a trip to New York for the three winners with all expenses paid.

Other Prizes Given

Other valuable prizes are given to the runners-up including a wrist watch.

Ticket stubs containing the name of the candidate for queen may be deposited at the union headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., or 611 Huron St., or in a ballot box at the door of the Trianon Ballroom the evening of the dance. Each ticket is good for 10 votes.

Funds secured from the sale of tickets for the ball, together with money secured from contributions go to aid those who suffer from infantile paralysis and its dire after-effects Locally, the Toledo Chapter has had increasing demands made upon its finances due to the large number of cases which have occured here in the past 10 years. The need is definitely greater than ever before according to Jay Gifford, chairman of the Toledo Chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Judge Stanley A. Grzezinski is chairman of the 1946 Infantile Paralysis Ball. Union members of the committee include Ollie Pecord, CIO; Otto Brach, AFL and Earl Streeter, MESA.

Steel Workers Set For Battle

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it found no cause for a general increase in steel prices. An announcement by OPA administrator Bowles at that time said that "the industry's earnings for the first nine months of 1945 are well in excess of this standard (1936-39 profits) and that based on current operations, they would be in excess of this standard for the full year 1945."

Experts on the steel industry make no secret of the fact that final 1945 financial reports confirm OPA's judgment.

Workers Back Demands

Proof that steel workers are solidly behind their union demands was shown in a Smith-Connally strike vote, which on an industry-wide basis showed that workers are more than five to one in favor of a walkout. Even in plants where workers went through the bitter "Little Steel" strike in 1937, the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of striking.

Members of the panel appointed by Truman to hear facts on U. S. Steel Corp. are Nathan Feinsinger, chairman, and former chairman of the War Labor Board panel which made findings in the 1944 steel wage case involving 86 companies; James M. Douglas, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri; Associate Justice of the Utah Supreme Court, Roger I. McDonough.

Strike Effects Country

The strike, affecting 700,000 workers in 1400 steel and aluminum plants and related industries, will extend to every part of the country. The workers are demanding a straight $2 a day pay increase because, says USA president Philip Murray, "Never before have the steel companies been so rich. For five years of war production the steel industry charged the American people over two billion dollars in open and concealed profits. About one billion of these war profits have been kept by the industry—added to its total financial resources, while other millions have been concealed. $765 million additional dollars—more than three-quarters of a billion—have been paid out to stockholders.

"Contrast this with the financial position of America's 475,000 steelworkers. In five years of war work, they have accumulated only a total of $285 in savings, or $600 a worker."

Truman Appeals For Pressure

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asked that Congress again extend the Second War Power Act, recently extended for six months instead of a year as he requested.

He urged the people to bring pressure for a "satisfactory" conference report on the Full Employment Bill. Conflicting versions have been passed by Senate and House.

L-M Strife Views

On the question of labor-management strife, which Truman put first on his list of unsolved problems, he claimed that his views "have been misrepresented by some of the spokesmen of both labor and management."

He reiterated his proposal that in major disputes where bargaining, conciliation, and arbitration have failed, he be empowered to set up fact-finding boards with power to subpoena company records, and that meanwhile there be a 30-day cooling off period during which strikes would be illegal.

"In the setting up of fact-finding boards, there is nothing harmful to labor. There is no reason why a strike cannot be postponed for thirty days," Truman said. "Nor is there any intention of taking away labor's right to strike. That right remains inviolate. There is no effort to shackle labor. There is only an effort to find the truth and to report it."

Doesn't Harm Management

"On the other hand there is nothing harmful to management in this proposal. No detailed information obtained from the books of any company is to be revealed. It is nothing new to have the Government get accurate information from a corporation. It is done by many Federal agencies, by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, by the Securities and Exchange Commission, by the Wage and Hour Division of the Dep't of Labor, by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and by many others.

The President reiterated his opposition "to the anti-labor bills now pending in the Congress which seek to deprive labor of the right to bargain collectively, or which seek to deprive a union of its ultimate right to strike." He claimed his measure "will have none of the evil effects of some of the legislation now pending."

Blame Owners For Miner Tragedy

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being absolutely neglected in every respect." Harry Thomas, chief of the State Dept. of Mines and Minerals, who took over his present job on Nov. 18, revealed that "no recommendation was ever made by a district mine inspector that the mine be closed until working conditions there were bettered."

Four federal inspections of the mine, according to the current issue of the United Mine Workers Journal, "show that the stage was set for catastrophe at the mine. They reveal that no improvements of any consequence had been made at the mine since the first federal inspection in Dec., 1942, despite conditions that were a constant threat to the lives of the workers."

Congress Shares Blame

Sharing the blame for this and other mine tragedies must be the U. S. Congress and the state of Kentucky. The old "state's rights" plea buffaloed Congress when it passed the Federal Mine Inspection Act of 1941 and decreed that its inspectors could make investigations and recommendations but could exercise no authority whatsoever in enforcing the recommendations. But the state did have the power to close the mine after it was condemned by both federal and state findings.

Climaxing the tragedy was the disclosure that in its callousness the company refused to carry workmen's compensation insurance which is optional in Kentucky. As a result the 23 widows and an estimated 135 children are dependent on assistance from private sources from organizations like the Red Cross and their union.

NLRB Ends Strike Vote

WASHINGTON. (LPA) — Strike votes, required under the Smith-Connally Act, are no longer being conducted by the NULRB. Congressional action last week deprived the Board of funds for conducting Smith-Connally polls which, since July 1943, cost the taxpayers $1,000,000. However, unions are still required to file notice with the NLRB of any pending strike.

Pat Visits Poland

NEW YORK (LPA) — The Jewish Labor Committee's executive secretary, Jacob Pat, has left to make a survey of conditions affecting displaced Jews in Poland. His seven-week study will aid the Committee in apportioning relief for European labor. Already over $300,000 has been raised through the Committee for the rehabilitation of war victims on the continent.

Kaiser-Frazer Sign Model Contract

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companies to the Kaiser-Frazer contract. One of the observations made by President Thomas was that if General Motors should offer an 18 per cent wage increase, the increase guaranteed by Kaiser-Frazer would put wages in the new corporation over the 30 per cent rate asked.

Meanwhile no progress has been reported on the General Motors wage dispute although word has gone out that when the strike ends it will end suddenly.

Depends On Steel

Any advantage which might come to the new corporation as a result of its progressive policy in dealing with its workers will depend to a considerable extent upon the outcome of the steel strike scheduled for Jan. 14.

Opinion among labor leaders is that the new corporation when it gets into production will get away to a flying start because it will have the good will not only of its own employees, but of union workers in all sections of the country. The contract has been hailed as a model for the entire automotive industry and the new corporation has given the union a deal which cannot help but bring it popularity throughout the country.

The Kaiser-Frazer Corporation is renting the Willow Run plant from the Federal Government and preparing it for large scale automobile production. Two cars will be produced, the Kaiser, a low priced car, and the Frazer, of medium price range.

Here's The Guy

If there's anything that frightens Rep. Howard Smith (D., Va.) more than unions it's the though that maybe one day his state will get rid of the poll-tax and throw him out on his ear. Co-author of the infamous Smith-Connally Act and other anti-labor bills, Smith is currently supporting every item of union-smashing legislation that comes up in Congress. (LPA)

Bretton Woods Gets Nod

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The Bretton Woods agreement, establishing a world bank and currency-stabilizing fund, was signed by representatives of 29 nations last week. Even though Russia has yet to sign up, Acting Sec'y of State Acheson described the event as "symbolic of ever-increasing cooperation among all nations toward peace and fuller and better life." A Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Bank is part of the project.

Labor Ready For New B2H Bill

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off period of not less than 60 days.

Strikes Are Outlawed

Chief features of the B-H bill are: (1)—Strikes are outlawed from the moment a dispute begins to not less than 30 days after the fact-finding report; (2)—If collective bargaining fails, FIRB would, in sequence, attempt mediation, arbitration and fact-finding. (3)—Strikes are outlawed during whatever time consumed by mediation and arbitration; (4)—30 days are allowed for fact-finding and an additional 30 days permissible; (5)—Following the fact-finding report, another 30 days must expire before a strike would be lawful.

Injunction Law Killed

The no-strike provision would be enforced by giving FIRB authority to ask any U. S. District Court 'to enjoin any violation or threatened violation of this act." The effect of this clause, according to labor lawyers, would be to virtually anihilate the Noris-LaGuardia anti-injunction law. A number anti-injunction law.

A number of senators including Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) contended that if the fact-finding bodies had no power to investigate a company's books, 'they might have to report that they were unable to make findings because one side or the other refused to give facts." Union books, several labor leaders pointed out, are always open to government investigation.

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Seeing Eye—W-O Unit

WITHOUT A LEG

During these hectic days of strikes all over this country to gain the workers a decent living wage, the many concerns refusing to raise wages are forgetting that during the war they spent over a billion dollars in useless advertising of products that they did not possess. They could have saved this money for this emergency, or they could have paid it to Uncle Sam in the form of income taxes.

They did neither. They cheated both the workers and the government. They haven't a leg to stand on and it is our bet that General Motors is very much afraid some union officer will throw this in their face and tell the world what a fine bunch of saboteurs they all are.

TAX

No, that is not union dues they take out of your premium pay checks or night bonuses—that is withholding tax. The government gives you something and then turns around and takes some of it back.

This is just the opposite with business—they pay it in and then get a lot of it back.

You are supposed to go to gate 3 on Wolcott Blvd. to get your checks, do not go to gate 5 on Central Ave. unless you have a badge. They will not let you in. Keep reading this column as more names of members having back pay checks coming will be printed in the near future.

LOOK, FRITZ

This is an answer to my friend Fritz Kulti on co-operatives. Brother, in a few more years they will be in our midst in large numbers. They have migrated to Illinois where they are spreading in all directions. A few short years ago they gathered into their fold their first refinery to the tune of $4,000,000. Today they own about 12, serving millions of satisfied customers. Wherever they are, chain stores go out of business, as every customer is a shareholder.

Fritz, it's like CIO unionism—you have to be educated to what it is trying to accomplish. More education—better satisfied customers. More money they save for the workers and farmers, the harder lousy chiseling, two-bit politicians try to impose a tax on them. If these were corporations, the politicians would fawn all over them asking how they could serve them.

DON'T GRIPE

If your check is not as large as you expected it to be, please do not criticize your brothers and sisters who work in the paymaster's office. It is not their fault the company did not let you know. In fact, it is poor taste. Wait until you get outside or write to the management and tell them.

Members, how do you like the small cut in your income taxes? Corporations had 46 per cent taken off in excess taxes to promote prosperity (you have been told). How about yourselves getting a bigger cut? There is a way to do it. Write to your U. S. senators and representatives, Washington, D.C. Tell them you need that money to buy the necessities of life for your families. Industry can pay more, they have proved it by paying their top brass hats hundreds of thousands of dollars per year they were not entitled to.

POWs Displace Vets

BRUNSWICK, GA. (LPA) — Use of prisoners of war to compete with American labor has not stopped, in spite of official promises to the contrary, the Georgia Federationist revealed here last week. In a resolution sent to AFL President Green and Georgia lawmakers, the Brunswick Central Labor Union said, "Prisoners of war are being furnished to do construction work for private contractors doing work on government property, and these same prisoners of war are being employed on government camps, depots and warehouses, and civilian employes are being laid off, among them returned veterans.

The Standard Bulletin

Local 497—Standard Products—Port Clinton

Attention Gosser, Crowley—It is only timely we mention that for several weeks past, Dorsey Carr is still working day trik, Mechanical Rubber Dept.

Winchell's tip, that probably because of his middle-of-the-road policy, President Truman will not choose to run the '48 presidential race, is something of more than mere significance and especially to every individual segment of labor. Get into your local PAC, that you may actively and intelligently keep well informed as to the political issues relative to your very existence.

At the regular membership meeting, Brothers Kinney and Zibert were chosen to represent Local 497, at the Jan. 5 meeting at Lima, Ohio. Brother Gosser's message at this convention will be one of the highlights of '46. Watch for it in your TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL.

Who was that guy who said the catfish was even smaller than he looks. Funny what a "little" authority does to "some little" peepul!

A buck a week in support of the GM picketeers to win for you is something more than a 30 per cent wage increase. This 30 per cent is merely a wedge that is the initial factor to the richer, fuller life to which you are entitled. Read the editorials from the various top-notch writers of the news. Keep close to your UAW-CIO journals. Self education plus the determination for those things so rightfully yours may be obtained via concerted, continual and intelligent effort on your part.

Ed Williams recently received a painful injury to his left arm from a fall over an improperly covered trench. Although this faulty cover had been repeatedly reported, it took this injury and some helraisin from Ed before this hazard was eliminated.

Drew Pearson intimated that '46 will be the banner year. Industries production—bing, the manipulators market—boom, Wall Street's depression—bang. Get into some sort of determined action with your PAC. Invest your dollars and effort not only for yourselves individually, but for an over-all benefit for all labor.

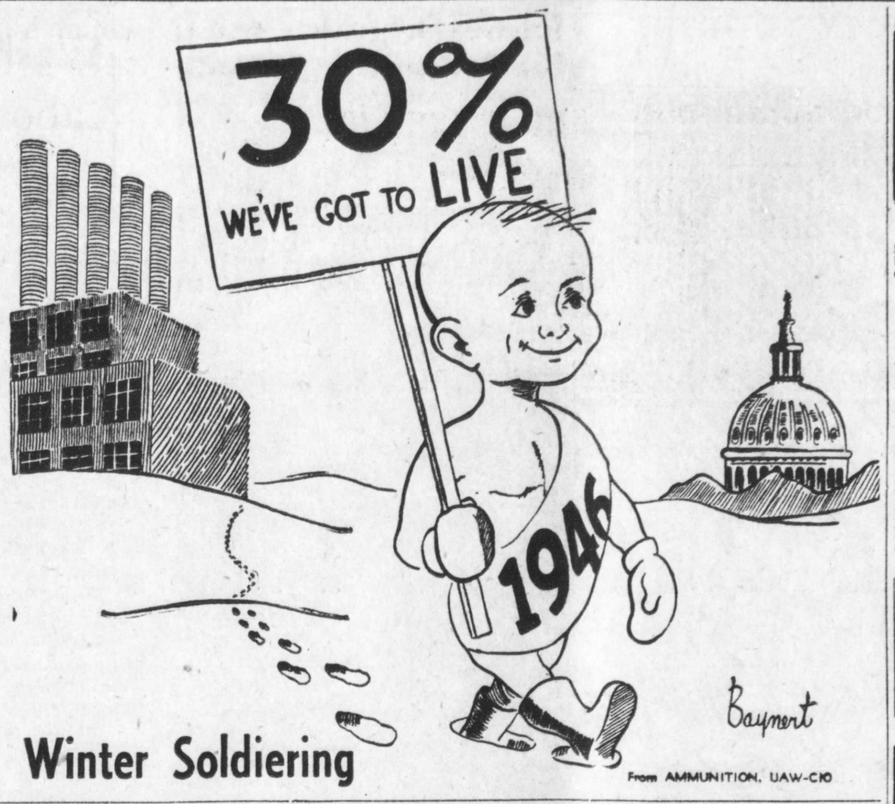
The latest Jiu Jitsu of Saginaw Nap's strong arm squad is the Hitler's rush with which they so "cleverly" tried to KO Brother Francks. Francks has never refused to carry the ball for our people.

Carl Keustardt, last recent editor of The Steechan, has been recently relieved by John Scott, Navy dischargee, former Chan editor, personnel director, industrial relations liaison, and Booster Club boomerang of the Stockade's former managerial staff. Chuck and Jim will remember this bentleman's appraising them of his former status during one of negotiation's more recent meetings.

Some of the absentees account of illness are Carlton Night, Henry Gillom, Mary Klatick, Mary Winnie, Lillian Henderson, Henry Hudak, Freddie and Dorothy Millinger, Olive Neatfeld, Althea Ridley and John Foster.

Dock Men Win Raise

NEW YORK (LPA) — The 30,000 members of the Int'l Longshoremen's Ass'n-AFL in the port of New York last week won their demands for higher wages, and the major part of their other demands, in an arbitrator's award handed down by William H. Davis. The men struck for 18 days last October, tying up all shipping in this important port.



Winter Soldiering

From AMMUNITION, UAW-CIO

Ragging the Scale

By Elsie Jaye

WELL, it's 1946. By now the hangovers are pretty well cleared up, and, outside of Gail Powers, everybody is back on the job. That is until last Friday, when of all people Mr. Elmer N. (Porky) Hogg went home at noon and said he wouldn't be back until the following Thursday???

Wednesday, January 2nd, John W. Brouse, unexpectedly passed on to his reward, leaving a bereaved wife, Cathryn, and sister, Mrs. Jack Booden.

Jack, will be missed by his many friends. We of the Scale unit, extend heartfelt sympathy to his wife and sister.

I think I should try in my humble way to thank all the people at the Scale who have contributed to the GM strike fund. Particularly those who voluntarily contributed the $330 before we voted at the last meeting to assess ourselves one dollar per week until the strike is settled.

Never overlook the fact that these GM workers are not only fighting for their just and deserved rights to security, BUT for you and I as well. Their victory which we can not doubt, will be a victory for all organized labor.

After reading GM's Goebblelike propaganda in the newspapers, which locally could stand some ventilation, I find myself regretting only that GM's employees didn't strike for more. When they come out flatfooted and admit they never believed they could NOT pay, but that it was their patriotic duty to keep us borrowing from one pocket to fill the other, I sear inside. They say, or should I shout, "inflation," which I believe is an evil brought into our presence by not you and I as well as paid war workers, but the many at the top of these huge concerns. I know several of these people and I remember well when THEY had the unbuyable articles of meat, nylons, butter, tires, gasoline and so on, NOT because they had the necessary coupons or certificates, BUT the fat bankroll to buy them from the real cause of inflation, the black marketeer! So once again I say—Back the GM workers!

While I am in a sort of amateur editorial mood I want to call to your attention a bill. (Not Kenny nor Dollar). It is called the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill, and next time you are at Local 12's offices pick up one of the pamphlets they have there concerning it, THEN sit down and write your senator and congressman in Washington to get this bill thru.

We ask and need more wages as long as prices remain where they are, but, if we are laid off, become sick or disabled, anywhere, anytime, more wages will mean little to us who would then have no income. And this is just one of the many reasons you should know about this bill and tell your friends and representatives to insist that we be covered with it. Let's make security a real thing instead of something to make conversation about.

Canco Unit Opener

By Carmen Nader

1946 ! ! ?

That bent old man has stepped aside and the new baby has arrived. Have you broken all of your resolutions yet? Here at Canco let's all try to make this a prosperous year. (What? With the wages we get!)

Speaking of babies arriving, the stork left a baby boy for Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lewandowski out Hill Ave. way, and a little girl arrived for Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zielinski on New Year's day. (We scoop the Toledo Daily Ad rags on the last named birth.) So Chet has an exemption for '45 and Ben can use his for '46. Up to the time that this column was being put to bed we saw no ceegars.

WHISPERS!

We hear that Ben J. Maciejewski is seriously thinking about that trip to Lima, Ohio. (That was last Saturday, Ben).

The situation is now well in hand, concerning Dorphine Janis and Bob Fowler.

Ann Rybarczyk is still faithfully corresponding with a certain SeaBee.

Some of our members strained their eyes looking for this column last week. (So sorry folks, but we was "Closed down for inventory.")

Andy Sedlock is one of the most ticklish men in the Universe—well at Canco, anyway. (Try it some time!)

There was a hot time in the Ol' town Wednesday nite as Miss Rose Dudek celebrated her 20th birthday. (Incidentally, who was the SeaBee connected with the plans?)

UNLESS YOU KNEW

That since the 44-hour week was inaugurated, several former Cafeteria customers now bring their lunches. "Can't afford the Ala Carte service anymore," they say.

That Bernice De Muth and Margie Myers are not speaking to each other. (We said it and we're glad.)

That Walt Witaszek makes Ned Sparks look like a jolly old man. (Keep Smiling.)

That those wedding bells have been ringing for Virgil Fought and his bride. Congratulations!

That it is not company (Canco) policy to give out Christmas bonus', gifts or parties to the hourly rated employes. (Were you disappointed? Not us!)

You didn't know so much after all, did you?

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Whenever you vote on a motion and the majority decides on following a definite procedure, you are expected to be big enough to abide by the decision of the majority and not try to run things for an individual and think that everything is wrong if you don't have your way. This Union is built for the majority to benefit by, not individualists. Be Union minded, attend your meetings as it is at these meetings that rules are made. Kwitchurbellyachin'.

Champion Unit Sparklets

Ollie Kujawa was high bowler of the week, with a total of 651, a single game of 257. Good shooting, Ollie.

Wilhelmina Harringhausen, of Dept. D second shift, must be a pretty busy girl. Have you noticed how many recent ads of one of our largest department stores feature her likeness? She certainly knows how to wear clothes before the camera and is plenty photogenic.

NOTICE

A special meeting this Sunday, Jan. 13, to discuss two very important issues:

1. Strike vote, according to the International Constitution.

2. GM strike fund.

Be in attendance at this meeting for these issues pertain to your welfare.

Ann Oswianski, of Dept. D, is ill in Riverside Hospital, but her condition is reported as good.

LOST—One 1940 Chevrolet. Will finder contact DeWayne Wisebaker?

Doris Gould, of Dept. D, who has been on the sicklist for a long time, following an operation, is now recuperating nicely.

Happy days are here again. Clem Jones expects teeth this week! Ah! new choppers.

I am wondering if Tom Boler got his Christmas cards mailed as yet. I understand that Tom dropped his car keys in the mail box and carried the cards back to the car. Nice going, Tom.

Cecil Cotterman, steward in Dept. B, had his holiday season marred, or should we say jarred, by a fall on the ice, which just laid him up enough so that he couldn't get out and enjoy the holiday. Tough luck, Cec.

Champion Unit basketball walloped Gordon Bumper 41-16 on the opening night of the Local 12 league. Powell and Shepler were the leading scorers, plus the classy handling of the ball by A. Navarre was something to see. Get out and watch your club in action. They deserve your support. It's Monday nights at Scott High and Tuesday nights at the Y. M. C. A. We'll be looking for you.

To quote from Dick McGeorge's "Strikes to Spare" column in the Blade one day last week: "A score registered yesterday morning in the Breakfast Club at the Auditorium stood up during the days and evening as the highest three games to be bowled by local keglers. It was a neat 663 recorded by Len Barkholt for the season's high in the league which is composed of those fellows who are working while other bowlers are active getting their 400, 500 or 600, whichever the case may be." Unquote. Nice work, Whitey. Whitey is now working in Dept. E, second shift.

Ties That Bind

PITTSBURGH (LPA) — A little button in the lapel of a coat proved a link between a shivering victim of war in Greece and a member of District 50, United Mine Workers.

Writing to thank the union for the coat he received through war relief contributions, the Greek wrote, "Conditions here are very serious. Our village was one of the first to be bombed. After the bombing they came into our village and took 1600 of our men, women and children, put them in a school house and set fire to the same . . My son of six was one of the unfortunate." He asked to be given the name of the donor who left his District 50 button in the lapel of the coat, so that he could thank the giver personally.

SPOT YOUR MEETINGS

Sunday—Auto-Lite, 2:00 p. m.

Monday—Airway, 8:00 p. m.

Tuesday—Toledo Pressed Steel, 8:00 p. m. Toledo Scale, 8:00 p. m. Gordon—4:00 p. m.

Wednesday—Banting, 8:00 p. m Laclede-Christy, 8:00 p m.

Thursday—Ayling-Reichert — 7:30 p. m. Burt Fdry, 8:00 p. m. Spicer, 7:30 p. m. Toledo Metal Furniture, Watson.

Friday—Bingham, 8:00 p. m. S. M. Jones, 8:00 p, m, Lakeised, 8:00 p. m. Phoenix Box.

Saturday—Bliss Fdry., 2:30 p. m

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KEEPING SCORE

With Fred Thomas

(Conversation overheard between an Ohio doctor and his patient):

Doctor (probing into man's mouth): Have you written a letter to your congressman?

Patient (mumbling): What about?

Doctor (astonished): I mean the socialized medicine bill!

Patient: What about it, Doc?

Doctor: What about it, the man says. Don't you realize if the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill passes, you won't be able to pick your own doctor? Think of it, you couldn't come to me.

Patient (hopefully): Is that a fact?

Doctor: Un-merican, I call it. You should write your congressman at once.

Patient: But I read somewhere that you could pick your own doctor. I'm sure of it.

Doctor: Lies, all lies.

Patient: Yes, I remember now—you can pick your own doctor!

Doctor: I hope you don't believe that.

Patient: What're you beefing about, Doc? You'd get a lot more business if everybody got medical care.

Doctor: It's socialism, that's what.

Patient: So that's what you call treating a sick man—socialism. Why, I'm surprised at you, Doc. You're too nice a man to talk that way.

Doctor (getting all red): They've got you all mixed up. How can you sit there and defend a system where you have no choice in your doctor?

Patient (pacifically): I thought we went all over that, Doc. But while we're on it, what about the worker who gets hurt in a big factory?

Doctor (angrily): What about it?

Patient: Why, didn't you know, the worker gets no choice of doctor. He must take the company doctor. I heard about a company doctor who told a guy he had asthma when he really had silicosis. That diagnosis saved the company a lot of money. How come you don't get sore about that, Doc?

Doctor (viciously): That will be $10.

Patient (paying off with a sigh): Why don't I keep my big mouth shut?

If textile workers (47%) were raised to 65c an hour, and if the textible industry itself absorbed the increase, there would still be a profit on net worth to the industry of 22% — four times the pre-war return.

National Supply Unit News

We are more than glad to welcome back the following brothers from the armed service: John Keith, Dept. 36; J. Odam, L. Dickerson of Dept. 37; William Godlewski, Dept. 85. All servicemen that have been discharged, notify Local 12 that you are working again.

Glen Witherell, Dept. 87, is a returned veteran and was elected steward on the night shift in his respective department.

After tramping the countryside all day hunting, one of our foremen was bemoaning the fact that if he didn't get any game there would be no meat on his table for Sunday dinner. You guessed it, he didn't get anything.

Norman Zanter, Dept. 86, realized his bowling ambition the other night by getting the first 600 of his career in league competition. Norm rolled a nice 611 in the CIO league. But the strain was too much for Norm—he took a six-month leave of absence from the shop.

Another sharpshooter in the same league was Don Gavin, Dept. 87. He got a 661. Nice going, boys.

We were well represented at the Regional 2-B meeting in Lima last Saturday. Those who attended were Chairman Wilbur Mark, Vice-Chairman Ray Pund, executive committeemen George Pund, Loren Carter, "Dutch" Dreher. Also Brother Sarge of Dept. 30.

A new song was created after this conference between our boys entitled "First came the WAC's, then came the WAVES, then came Georgie Pund."

That is no bonfire you see at the bowling alleys. That is Brother Joe Biscay Sr. emitting smoke from his cigar after getting a strike or a split. P. S. The cigar also shortens up about an inch each time this happens.

Toledo Stamping Notes

Ann Plichcinski added another year on Dec. 30. The girls helped her celebrate at a party during lunch period one day last week. She wishes to thank everyone for the lovely gifts. (Editor's note: How old?)

Rosalind Emerson is looking forward to vacation time already. The boss's, that is.

If you ask Art Klug what a conservative is, he'll tell you it's a guy that bets on the rabbit in a dog race.

We were wondering if the palsey-walseys, Butch and Monte, patronize the same doctor.

Chairman Ernie Jakubowski attended the Regional 2-B meeting in Lima Saturday as delegate from our shop.

Billy Massey went to Cleveland Friday for another army physical. Tell them to make up their minds, Bill.

Come on, gang. On bended knee we implore of you, give with the news items. We can't cover them if they're not brought to our attention. And no corn.

As the new year gets under way, we suggest a vote of thanks to the shop committees for their efforts and accomplishments during the past year. We're sure the shop as a whole joins us in our sentiment.

The sicklist still seems to be mighty large due to colds and such. Take care of yourselves, folks. Hot toddies are good for what ails you, if you like them—and who doesn't?

Frank Raymond relates one about him being robbed going through a revolving door. Someone should tell him not to go around with such people.

Do You Respect Yourself?

By Ruth Taylor

Self-respect is the insignia of the free man. It is the mark of his release from mental serfdom, from enslavement to inferiority. Indeed, the dictionary definition of self-respect is "to have such a regard for one's own character as will restrain one from mean, disreputable or unworthy speech or conduct."

Do you respect yourself?

You can't expect others to respect you, unless you respect yourself. You must be willing to stand up and be counted as an individual, not hide behind any group. You must accept a rating on your own merits and be ready to stand or fall on your own actions. Respect must be *earned* by the individual. It cannot be acquired by him as part of a group.

NOT COCKSURE

If you respect yourself, you can be self-confident but never cocksure. You will have faith in your ability to do your own task well because you know that you are too proud to let yourself down by inferior, shoddy or careless work.

If you respect yourself, you won't be continually on the defensive, looking for slights, ready to resent where no offense was intended. If you respect yourself, you won't give way to wrath. You will not be "tempery". You will respect yourself too much to stoop to the manifestations of will-sapping anger. If you respect yourself, you can serve at the most menial task with dignity. (Did you read recently of the man in Brooklyn who worked his way through college to a Ph. D. as a street cleaner?) You must be free from the false pride which is afraid of service.

If you respect yourself, you will not have to constantly assert your "right" to do this or that. You will be self-contained and can wait those rights upon the fulfillment of your duties. If you respect yourself, you will be poised, well balanced, capable of calm and orderly thought and speech. No menacing sense of inferiority will lead you into unbecoming speech or action.

If you respect yourself, you will so live that you will be worthy of honor and esteem. Only as you lift yourself up to a place of respect, can you achieve the respect of others.

Business Experts Agree With Union

NEW YORK (LPA) — Out of the mouths of big business representatives themselves last week came admission of what organized labor has been contending for decades—that corporation reports to stockholders and the public are "generally inadequate."

A total of 123 professional judges of securities — security analysts of various types of investment institutions, officials of banks and insurance companies — replied to a survey made by M. K. Mellott & Co., the Journal of Commerce reported. The security analysts confessed that the corporation reports were so inadequate that they were forced to resort to "digging up their own supplementary information," sometimes from SEC, company customers, banks and credit agencies. In only two cases were the analysts "fully satisfied."

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The Basic Issue

In the heat and confusion generated by big business interests to hide the real issue which lies behind the widespread labor unrest, there is danger that the public might lose sight of what is involved in the controversy now taking place between labor and industry.

There is only one issue at stake—the right to living wages and a greater share in the goods and profits which labor makes possible.

Current strikes and threats of strikes are not the result of a desire on the part of labor to take over management; but are rather the product of the employers refusal to acknowledge economic facts.

Under our capitalistic system of production, wages and prices, and supply and demand are inseperably bound together. Let one get out of balance with the other and things immediately begin to happen.

The economic chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and because of this, our productive system stands static waiting to see which side will eventually win out.

Today, the demand for goods is strong, yet production suffers and promises too suffer still more because the wage link in the economic chain is weak. Prices have not suffered, nor has the demand for goods, yet, because of the justifiable wage demands of the workers, the demand for goods cannot and will not be met until labor is satisfied.

Prices and demand remain at a high peak because of the savings which accumulated during the war years.

Production levels are low and threaten to go still lower because of the inadequate wages which the workers are receiving.

Labor recognizes the implications inherent in the economic situation as it exists today, and because labor does recognize the significance of present day conditions, it is seeking, out of sheer necessity, to avert the crisis for which we are surely and rapidly heading.

Because of the disparity between wages and prices, labor has no alternative saved to seek to bring about a more satisfactory balance between the two. Maintenance of high prices made possible because of the accumulated savings of the American people, can only be met by curtailing production and defeating the purpose of those who are attempting to exploit the public at the expense of labor.

In its attempt to bring the principal parts of the economic system into balance with each other, the labor unions deserve the complete support and thanks of the public, for if the system remains as it now stands, we are heading for a depression which will effect everyone and make the 1932 debacle seem like a tame affair.

Accusing labor of seeking to bring about a socialistic state is nothing more or less than hog wash coming from those who are either unaware of the significance of the present situation, or who seek to use it for some purpose which bodes evil for the workers and plain people of America.

Labor must stick by its guns and fight its fight to the finish. To surrender now would be to turn the country over to the blind forces which have engineered other crisises and which now seem determined to bring about another and worse depression.

Taft And Truman

Comment of Senator Robert A. Taft anent President Truman's New Year address to the nation is on a par with the usual statements made by that ultra-conservative thinker.

There seems to be two schools of thought on Mr. Truman's position with respect to the CIO-PAC. One is held by Senator Taft, the other by CIO President Philip Murray.

Maybe they are both right.

"It is an ational disgrace that today, when our national production and income are at peak peacetime levels, there should still be millions of Americans who exist on pitifully low wages — wages that mean malnutrition for the breadwinner's family — wages that eat steadily into the health and efficiency of the worker himself."

—Chester Bowlts, OPA Chief, in statement for 65c minimum wage.

What's New?

By Pfc. Edward Duck On Leave With The U. S. Army

Editor's note: Pvt. Duck is suffering from an acute gall bladder attack and is confined to Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston. He will appreciate hearing from his friends.

COMPETITION

The question has often been asked, "What's free about 'free enterprise'?".

I don't know. Don't ask me. From what I have observed, it means freedom for the whales to eat the minnows, without interference from government or public. Any restriction placed upon those who evidently think their's are the only rights to be protected is promptly labeled "socialism" or class legislation.

Free enterprise should mean freedom to engage in business without trampling on the smaller fellow or swallowing him up. It should mean, in practical terms, the likelihood of the corner grocer or pharmacist or haberdasher to earn a living for his family by operating his business.

That's what we would like to have it mean. That and the possibility of an ordinary guy with a bright idea or unusual ability being able to open up a factory or laboratory or similar establishment and watching it grow and prosper, as businesses are supposed to grow and proper.

But that, my friends, is only the thought held by one of us. Is the person who favors monopolies and the elimination of competition think ing along these lines?

MONOPOLY

When the presidents of General Motors, American Can, Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, or Aluminum Corporation of America, for example, speaks of free enterprise, they don't really mean free enterprise at all. They mean the right of their monopolies or near-monopoly to do just as they darm well please. It isn't fighting to stay in business. It is fighting to hold a position where competition will be at a minimum.

One of the things wrong in America and in the world in general today is that there are not enough businesses. A few corporations own and control American business, and consequently the American people's economic life.

Between the years 1925 and 1945 the corner grocer found himself without a grocery, the filling station owner found himself tied to one of the large oil companies, and the drug stores and pharmacies were replaced by giant chain stores.

Free enterprise—real free enterprise—has been thottled 'til its neck looks like a piece of spaghetti. Whatever this type of "free enterprise" is that the daily press writes about and which some of our would-be statesmen talk about when it suits their purpose, I'm sure I don't know.

The only enterprise I can find nowadays isn't free at all. It's entangled in monopoliies, cartels and a meshwork so complicated that only a few people comprehend it.

I do know that certain motor companies own certain nation-wide communications corporations, certain grocery near-monopolies and millions of dollars of stock in other enterprises. Every one of these industries represents a field in which very little competition exists.

NO FEARS

These giant corporations have nothing to fear from competitors, because competition, is practically nil. This leaves them free to dictate prices to the American public, and they are willing to take a final stab at dictating wages to their workers, who unconsciously helped them create their monopoly, by making the corporations rich beyond all comprehension.

The tail has become bigger than the dog. Now we have reached the point where if these corporations' executives cannot elect their representatives to public office, they tell the government to jump in the lake.

The time has come for the government to trim these corporate Frankensteins down to their size. One step government to trim them down to their size. One step toward this might be the greater encouragement of small business, with whatever governmental aid it requires to do the job.

Let's have free enterprise, instead of using the term as a symbol for what it isn't!

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR THE REAL FIGHT

Courtesy Appreciate America, Inc.

It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

ANOTHER IDEA

It seems to me that we are either missing one of the major points in our objections to the proposed payroll tax ordinance, or that the subject has been given inadequate or silent treatment.

Last fall, the citizens of Toledo turned down every tax proposal on the ballot. As a matter of fact they have been turning down such proposals for years.

Everyone who looked at the political situation as it existed then, and as it still exists — a city government responsible only for securing 6000 odd votes to secure election, predicted that the tax issues would be defeated. They were.

The same sentiments which motivated the citizens of Toledo to defeat the tax levy proposals last November still exist, because the conditions which prompted their defeat have not been wiped out. Toledo still has an irresponsible city government.

I want it known that this column speaks solely for itself this week when it says that it opposes the payroll tax for five years or any definite period of time, because he doesn't want to give City Council as it is now constituted more money than it needs to meet its actual 1946 requirements.

FUNDAMENTALS

This statement calls for explanation.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the anticipated revenue of the city will not meet the anticipated needs of Toledo for the current year.

There isn't a doubt in anyone's mind that Toledo requires additional police and fire protection and that the two departmens are undermanned and underpaid.

Every householder in town knows that the garbage collection is a disgrace and a menace to the health of the citizens.

It is common knowledge that new equipment and maintenance of equipment are sorely needed.

Nobody argues that Toledo doesn't need a lot more money to operate properly; but the catch lies in Council seeking to enact a tax which would bring in a large revenue to the city and create a new city bureau for the exercise of political patronage by a Council which represents everybody and nobody.

WHOSE COUNCILMAN?

It became quite obvious during the hearings held in City Council that a lot of the Councilmen thought the objections which were brought out to the payroll tax were meant for every other councilman. After all, nobody seems to know who their councilman is under the shuffle-duffle system we use of electing our representatives-at-large which requires about 6500 votes to elect them.

Based upon the system of electing Councilmen-at-large, each member of Council is supposed to represent all the citizens. On the other hand, who believes that every member of Council represents all the citizens of this community?

We of labor have a good idea who our councilman is, because we elected him; but who is Joe Citizen's representative to Council? Does Joe think that every one of the nine man Council represents him? Don't be silly!

And in the face of this hodge-podge of guessing which member of Council represents which citizen or group of citizens, our municipal legislative body wants to pass a tax for five years when the very system by which our Council representatives secured office is under fire and now in process of investigation by the Publicity and Efficiency Commission.

CAN DO

It appears that Council has the right and power to pass the payroll tax ordinance regardless of the objections of a large body of citizens of this community. It appears equally obvious that the tax will be passed, but the question which Council must consider is — can they make it stick?

It is our considered opinion, without taking into consideration the exemptions asked by labor or its request for the opportunity to vote on the issue next fall, that no tax can be made to stick long under our present form of government. This is particularly true of a tax which permits the building up of a bureaucracy in a city government which owes its present existance to the crowded issues ballot last November, but which was actually repudiated on all other tax and bond issues.

It is apparent that if the people of Toledo did not have sufficient confidence in their city government last fall to pass bond issues and tax levies, they are still unwilling to place large sums of money into the hands of a Council elected by a vote of 3500 citizens.

In the long run, Council is going to be compelled to submit the payroll tax to a referendum and accept that vote as a vindication or repudiation of our present form of government.

Whether Council has the right to bring this city to a major financial crisis to determine whether we shall continue to elect its members under our present form or not will be considered next week. Meanwhile, it is our belief that some method other than the payroll tax should be found to finance our city government until we determine what we want to do about our Council.

Political Action

by Clayton Rusch Chairman of the Political Action Committee

PROVING GROUND

The coming public elections in 1946 will be the proving ground for the program of the Political Action Committee. In the approaching contest we can go forward toward becoming a major force in American politics, or we can, as a result of our ineffectiveness, disintegrate completely.

The very issues at stake in the coming elections are full employment, adequate social security and world peace. It would not be too much to say that the contest will be one between liberalism and arch reaction in politics.

For its part in the first few years of the existence of the PAC the Toledo area can well be proud. This district not only made a contribution, but is actually the birth place of the PAC, which originated as the Political Activities Committee of Local 12, UAW-CIO.

HISTORY

The Local 12 PAC was established through the vision and foresight of Brother Gosser and was under the direct leadership of Brothers Tom Burke and Walter Madrzykowski. The press of their other responsibilities made these two founders desire to turn the reins over to able successors as soon as possible.

In 1943 the committee was enlarged to the CIO Political Action Committee. Charles Ballard who had recently returned from service, was elected chairman to succeed Brother Madrzykowski in June 1944. Brother Ballard brought to the job his capacity for getting things done. Unfortunately, his other union responsibilities made it necessary that he also seek a successor.

Then in August of '44 the writer was named to succeed Brother Ballard as chairman. The by-laws provide for a PAC manager to run the office and Brother Gosser, who was elected as manager was assisted by Brothers Charles Ballard and Melvin Schultz.

With the increased responsibilities brought about with the end of the war it became apparent that too much of the time of Brothers Gosser, Ballard and Schultz would be taken up with leading the members of the UAW in fighting for adequate wage increases. This made it necessary to have an assistant PAC manager who could put his full time on PAC and enable the elected officers to concentrate on the program and policies which must be carried out if we are to meet our responsibilities.

We are now fortunate in being able to look forward to the increased tasks coming this year with confidence that we can meet the demand.

For Brother Clem Holowinski, who recently returned from service, has been appointed by PAC Manager Richard Gosser as assistant manager.

In making this appointment Brother Gosser has once again demonstrated his ability to pick the right man for the right job.

Most of the readers of this column remember Brother Holowinski, who before entering service was director of the Local 12 Employment Department. Clem brings to his new job the personality and executive ability which won him so many friends before he left for service.

On behalf of the Lucas County PAC I wish to take this opportunity to welcome Brother Holowinski into our ranks and assure him of the sincere cooperation of the officers and members of our organization.

Washington Labor Report

By Bradford V. Carter

HE TRIED

President Truman tried to do last week what many people had been urging him to do —go to the people with his program of reform. And if it's possible for this mild-mannered man to be forceful and direct, he was these things and a little more.

The theme of the President's speech was pretty clear. Congress had sabotaged his program. The people must act and tell their representatives in Washington what they think.

When Roosevelt used to say these things, he could be counted on to make the reactionary congressmen shooting mad. They're not mad at President Truman.

Because the spokesmen of reaction are not mad at Truman, means that we have to face up honestly to a problem that progressives of all shades of opinion have been afraid to confront. We have to face squarely that Truman, unlike his predecessor, lacks the intellectual and personal equipment to throw his weight around effectively.

BAD TRAINING

In many ways Mr. Roosevelt was bad training for progressives. Because of his great personal equipment, the importance of the President as an individual has been relied on too heavily. Mr. Truman simply can't carry that kind of burden. He doesn't have what it takes.

This is not meant to be a disparagement of Mr. Truman. With the exception of his advocacy of a fact-finding-cooling-off bill, and something about labor not keeping its promises to him, the radio talk had all the ingredients of an admirable liberal statement of purpose to which no New Dealer could possibly take exception.

He reaffirmed his request for favorable action on real full employment legislation, anti-discrimination program, augmented unemployment compensation and minimum wages and continuation of necessary controls over scarce materials.

The point is that he has said these things before and Congress paid no attention to him. What's more, as he was saying these things, he took certain actions or permitted actions to be taken which negated the sentiments he was proclaiming.

POSSIBILITIES

He could have, for example, stopped Krug's dismantling of WPB controls from which in large part the current housing crisis now stems. It might have been possible for the Administration to have had a positive wage-price policy right off if he hadn't filled key positions with ineffectual Throttlebottoms. All of these things might have been.

Now, we have to recognize two crucial political facts:

1. The office of the President has ceased to be the central force in our government.

2. The dominating sentiment of Congress is conservative and a harking back to the days when unemployment was an act of God.

One of the ways of drawing an appropriate moral from these observations is to repeat the most significant phrase that the President uttered in his address to the nation: "Time is running out."

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser

Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

THE QUESTIONS

When Dean Searles questioned the Toledo Town Hall audience at the YMCA last Monday night about the proposed payroll tax ordinance, it showed beyond any shadow of doubt that the vast majority of the people of Toledo are opposed to the tax as it now stands.

Dean Searles questions and the results showed four things.

1. The people of Toledo believe that the city needs more money on which to operate.

2. An impressive majority oppose additional real estate taxes as the means of supplying the city with operating funds.

3. A majority of the citizens are opposed to the proposed payroll tax ordinance as it now stands.

4. A majority favor the payroll tax if it is amended to provide the $2500 exemption which I asked Council to write into the ordinance.

UP TO COUNCIL

Council is not unaware of the sentiments of the people of this city on the payroll tax. They have heard labor and many private citizens express their opposition to the tax ordinance as it now exists and had the opportunity on Monday night to see how the Toledo Town Hall audience voted on the proposal.

I can appreciate that Dean Searless is not attempting to be a Toledo Gallup, but if City Council remembers last Monday night's Sears' poll of Toledo public opinion, it will not pass the tax as it is now written.

Council should remember that there can be another vote, the next time official and binding upon them.

A GOOD FORUM

While I am referring to the Toledo Town Hall, I want to pay tribute to those who established and are helping maintain this fine forum for sounding out public opinion on timely and controversial subjects.

As long as we are able to maintain forums such as that sponsored by the YMCA our democracy is safe. It is when men and women must be afraid to disagree with others or to voice their honest opinions and convictions that we are in danger.

We of the labor unions, particularly the UAW-CIO, take a lot of pride in our democracy and foster it by full and complete discussion and debate within our organization. Labor recognizes that suppression is the tool of the foes of democracy and for that reason must be fought whenever it shows itself.

I hope that in another year, Local 12 will be able to have one of the Toledo Town Hall meetings in its headquarters, and I take this opportunity to extend my personal invitation now to this worthy civic project to come to the Local next season.

From The Desk

of

Melvin Schultz

President, Local 12, UAW-CIO

Yesterday, I had the opportunity and pleasure of speaking before the League of Women Voters as a representative of Labor in this Community. Mr. Speaker represented industry and Dr. Searles of the University of Toledo acted as moderator. The gathering and afternoon program captured my complete interest as well as to cause me a certain amount of surprise at the activity and interest taken by the women participating.

The topic of discussion was "Full Employment." As most everyone has heard of the subject, it would seem secondary to me to remind you that there is pending before Congress in Washington a bill known as the Murray-Patman Full Employment Bill." This bill is not a perfect instrument. It is not a cure-all. The bill by itself is not a guarantee of everlasting prosperity and economic security. However, it is highly important and a milestone in our progress to have such a measure as this adopted by our top law-making bodies.

Why has this bill not been passed? Who blocks the roads? The chief opponents of this bill are the Peglers and the Fulton Lewis Jrs., the Hearsts and McCormicks. Yes, and also the Bilbos and the Rankins. Blind industrialists who measure their own future with their past are against it. They impore that the Full Employment Bill is too dangerous to individual freedom. For a long time this individual freedom was labeled "Free Enterprise." To me, Free Enterprise can be likened to the statement once made concerning free speech, "Free spech does not entitle a man to stand up in a crowded theatre and shout, 'Fire.'" Free Enterprise should not be permitted to the extent that it is detrimental to society. As Citizens of this Country we do not live as each of us may choose to live but rather as the society which we have chosen or being born into ordains that we live. You cannot hold up a bank without paying a penalty which society has set for such an act. Why then should dubious business practices, monopolistic activities and other Acts of this so-called Free Enterprise be permitted when such actions are detrimental to the society upon which they are perpetrated.

Full employment is the only answer for the continuation of Free Enterprise. We can only have Free Enterprise and individual freedom if and when it will serve the entire society from which it comes.

"These are some of the considerations which lead us to believe that the real issue posed (by the Full Employment Bill), is whether the United States Government shall embark upon a National Socialist planned economy."

— Arch O. Schultz, "economist" for Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

'Blithe Spirit', Sparkling Comedy Filmed In Beautiful Technicolor

by Burny Zawodny

Now showing at the Esquire Theatre a picture from the Great Beyond returned to our terrestrial globe as the "other woman" in one of the most delightful triangular comedies of the season, the United Arists reelase of Noel Coward's Two Cities Technicolor film "Blithe Spirit."

Long a success on the stage, "Blithe Spirit" is tempting material for the screen. The story of a sophisticated couple whose domestic bliss is invaded by the ghost of the husband's first wife, it gives full scope to the technique of the camera. But while the advantages of the camera are fully exploited, at no time is the story sacrificed to cinematic sleight-of-hand. Recorded in Technicolor, the film has a beautiful range of color mood. Elvira, the wraith, is presented in a cool green-gray tone that contrasts very effectively with the warm hues around her. And the atmosphere of the seances is heightened by color modulations.

Burny Zawodny

Rex Harrison and Constance Cummings are the devoted but volatile couple. Harrison plays Charles Condomine, a mystery-thriller writer. Successful, humorous, easy-going, he and his wife, Ruth, lead a quiet but comfortable life . . . until Elvira, the ghost of his first wife, erupts into their tranquil little world with devastating effects.

Noel Coward creates in Elvira a scintillating, if rather delightfully elusive personality. Charming, witty and self-possessed, she is the "other woman" incarnate. And the flimsiness of her "presence" in no way detracts from her allure. Kay Hammond gives to the part a wholly captivating combination of "other wordlish" charm and an earthly wit.

Margaret Rutherford plays Madame Arcati, a medium of bizarre habits and quixotic talents. She creates a robust and completely engaging crystal-gazer of athletic vitality and enthusiasm. It is due to her "psychic vibrations" that Elvira floats into the Condomine living room from some astral port-of-call.

Jacqueline Clarke plays the Condomine maid, Edith. She turns in a magnificent performance, creating an awkward character in perfect contrast to the sophisticated Condomine household. Joyce Carey and Hugh Wakefield portray Dr. and Mrs. Bradman, who share in the occult occurrences.

A "spirited" comedy of manners, the story unfolds in an atmosphere of fantasy that is all the more effective because the settings and the characters (with the exception of Elvira) are so completely down-to-earth.

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Thaddeus Rutkowski at one time employee of Loew's Valentine theatre as an usher, is tackling a new field. Teddy, my boy, I wish you luck with your script "When The Stars Say Good Night" with all of the producers in Hollywood, and say hello to my friend Mr. Teschner's brother of the downtown theatre manager . . . The talk of Toledo is that Mitch Woodbury made an error in his column, by writing that Jack O'Connell left for California. (It was his son, instead) . . . My friend and business acquaintance from Cleveland, Mr. Charles Raymond, division manager of Loew's Theatres is very ill, we all hope that he will recover soon.

Pin-up Poser

Aileen Haley, one of those 'glorified girls' in M-G-M's "Ziegfeld Follies," appears to be demonstrating an unheard-of method of talking over the phone—or is it that she's just demonstrating Aileen Haley?

Bing Crosby To Star In Life Of Poet Burns

HOLLYWOOD—Bing Crosby will be starred by Paromunt in the life and songs of Robert Burns, the immortal Scottish poet who popularized highland songs, and the studio has purchased "Comin Through the Rye," an original story for the screen by the noted writer, Clements Ripley, as the vehicle.

Combining the warm qualities of the poet and his love of humanity with the many famous songs he wrote, the role is considered a "natural" for Crosby.

udrey Wins Her Stripes

Audrey Totter was kidnapped by M-G-M from the radio 'soap opera' circuit, tied up with a contract and given more parts than you could count. Good reason for her Hollywood nickname, 'The Whiz Kid.' Her latest job is in M-G-M's "The Sailor Takes A Wife."

Hepburn With Taylor For "You Were There"

HOLLYWOOD—In one of the top teamings of the season, Katharine Hepburn will join Robert Taylor in "You Were There," slated to go into production at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer shortly after the first of the year.

Along with the announcement that Miss Hepburn will co-star with Taylor in his first picture since doffing his Navy flyer's uniform, the studio posted Vincente Minelli as the winner of this director's plum following his megaphoning of such hits as "Yolanda and the Thief," "Meet Me in St. Louis" and "The Clock."

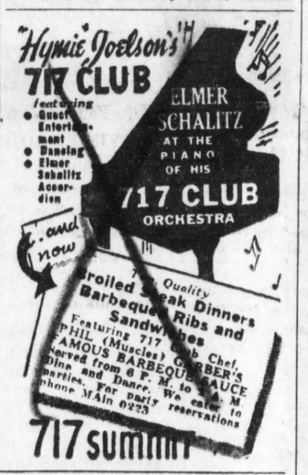
Miss Hepburn, last seen in the successful "Without Love," read the story while in the east and liked it so well she cut short her New York visit and returned to Hollywood where she conferred with Pandro Berman, who will produce. His most recent hits include "National Velvet" and "The Picture of Dorian Gray."

Taylor will be seen in the unusual role of a personable crook and slayer who plants robbery suspicions on the name of his missing and murdered brother, but who is found out by his bride, to be played by Miss Hepburn, who never meets the brother but who decides that he must be innocent after a study of his habits and background.

Disney "Voice" Faces Camera At Paramount

HOLLYWOOD — "Joe Carioca" of the Disney cartoons—Rafael Hernadez in real life—achieved a long cherished ambition recently when he saw himself in the "rushes" of Paramount's "Ladies' Man" starring Eddie Bracken.

While "Joe" has often heard his voice coming from an animated cartoon. It was not until just the other day that he appeared before the camera. "Joe" is the shortest member of a rhumba quartette which accompanies Cass Daley in her novel arrangement of "Mama Yo Quiero" in the comedy with music.



News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Vivacious Joan Leslie Started In Vaudeville

Joan Leslie, currently co-starring with Robert Hutton in Warners' "Too Young To Know" at the Paramount, has been "at it" theatrically speaking, since she was two years old. Long before she came west to impress Hollywood with her fresh young beauty and her ability as a dancer, singer and actress, she was turning cartwheels and sommersaults in the Brodel family vaudeville act in one and two night stands throughout the middle west and Canada.

She came to Hollywood with her family when the consolidated fortunes of that fivesome were admittedly at a low ebb. But no one would have known that by watching Joan Leslie as she went about the studios looking for a chance to show what she could do. Her first appearances were in less than colossal pictures but her work in them was always sincere, satisfactory and sometimes show-stopping.

Fate Steps In

Fate and a casting director or two stepped in, at just the right moment. Joan began her series of remarkable assignments when she was chosen to appear opposite Gary Cooper in "Sergeant York" as his wife. Gary got an Academy Award for that but, like most good wives, Joan garnered some of the credit. Enough, at least, to make her the logical and successful contender for a second big role—that of wife to Jimmy Cagney in "Yankee Doodle Dandy." Once again her screen husband won an Academy Award and Joan got some of the credit.

Gets Leading Role

Before that happened, however, she was given the leading feminine role in "The Hard Way" and the chance to prove that the success of the other two big pictures was not accidental. The long pull from insecurity and uncertainty was over for Joan Leslie—who had progressed the hard way—all the way. Other films in which she has starred are "Rhapsody In Blue," "This Is The Army" and "Hollywood Canteen."

Her current film, "Too Young To Know," is a non-musical, and is concerned with the heart-warming love story of two teen-age youngsters.

"Father"

Of the five or six well known actors who have played the part of "father" in the famous comedy coming to Toledo the last half of this week for four performances in the Town Hall theater Carl Benton Reid is one of the most satisfying.

Eight million people have seen the play in the seven years it has been on Broadway and touring the country. "Life With Father" is the one play sure to be seen more than once by drama lovers.

COLLECTOR'S LOYALTY

Barry Fitzgerald, one of Hollywood's leading philatelists, has a complete collection of Irish stamps.

Heard On a Hollywood Movie Set

HOLLYWOOD — Van Johnson and Lucille Bremer were rehearsing a dance routine for their part in "Till the Clouds Roll By," while Director Bob Alton watched with a critical eye.

'Time for a rest, kids," he called and Van and Lucille came over to sit down and rest a bit. In no time at all the talk turned to New Years.

"I can't get into the spirit of New Year," Van said. "Guess it's because there's no snow in Southern California."

Van stepped into his dressing room to change and Alton got busy. A half hour later Alton called Van to come out and the moment the actor opened the door he was engulfed in a blizzard. Prop men had obtained buckets of "movie snow" and were throwing it in front of a fan directed at Van's dressing room door.

"Well, Van, how's this for a white New Year?" cracked Alton.

A beatific and contended grin was Van's only answer.

Marsha Hunt Will Wed Film Writer

HOLLYWOOD—One of the first weddings scheduled for 1946 will be that of Marsha Hunt, popular Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actress, and Robert Presnell, Jr., writer under contract to the same studio. The couple have announced their engagement and stated that as yet, no definite date has been set for their marriage.

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AN ALL PURPOSE HOOK

An expert fisherman who suggests a No. 8 hook when "just fishin'," points out that it's small enough for bluegills and large enough and strong enough for bass.

Clever Ringmen In Local 12 Boxing Show

From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation

The American Bowling Congress was founded 50 years ago and America's bowlers have increased in numbers until the total is some 17,000,000. That makes bowling the most participated in sports for both men and women.

The fact was uncovered that the American Bowling Congress was not actually formed until January 13, 1896, instead of September 9, 1895, which was thought to be the date. Verification of this date was made by consulting the files of the Brooklyn, N. Y., Eagle. There appears a column-long statement that the actual formation of the American Bowling Congress took place on January 13, 1896, at Carruthers Elephant Club alleys on Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

"Birdie" Rule

Thomas Curtis was elected the first president of the ABC and the name and Constitution being adopted at that meeting.

Previously to this date, and at the instance of the United Bowling Clubs, which is celebrating its 60th year, meetings were held at Beethoven Hall, New York City, and the last was held on September 9, 1895. At this meeting those present voted to adopt the name of the American Bowling Congress. Reports of this meeting show that the ABC was fostered originally by the United Bowling Clubs and by no other association until they were called in toward the finish and invited to join the movement.

In any event, the American Bowling Congress is celebrating its semi-centennial year. Bowling seasons start on August 1st of each year.

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America is still the land of opportunity. The only foreigner who didn't make any money here was Christopher Columbus.

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In these days of unheard of speed and keen competition a man must be going sixty miles an hour just to be standing still.

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When a certain spy was sentenced to be shot, he was sent out to a designated spot with a guard. On the way to the execution ground the spy said, "Isn't it bad enough that you're going to shoot me, without making me walk ten miles?" "What are you griping about," said the guard, "I have to walk back."

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Did you ever hear the one about the guy who went crazy trying to take inventory on his rabbit farm? It's SOME number.

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One neighborhood gossip was giving advice to another n.g. and said, "It doesn't matter what worries you so long as it worries you."

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The downhearted lover said that love was no lottery —because in lottery you win once in a while.

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Golfer (far off in the rough) "Say, caddy, why do you keep looking at your watch?"

Caddy—"It isn't a watch, sir, it's a compass."

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"How would you like to learn to ski?" She answered, "Oh, I'd jump at the chance."

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"Say, buddie, call me a cab, will you?"

"Sorry, I'm not the doorman, I'm an Air Corps officer."

"O.K. Call me a plane, then, I gotta get home."

Dietrich Is "1-0" Shutout Champ

Not Hal Newhouser, not Dave Ferriss, not any of those big winning hurlers took the 1945 "One to Nothing" shutout laurels. The winer was your old friend, Bill "Bull Frog" Dietrich of Chicago, who won but seven games. Yet three of those wins were 1 0 shutouts, over Detroit, Philadelphia and New York. There were 22 shutouts of this closest of games variety, Al Benton of Detroit getting two, Clem Hausmann of Boston scoring two and Buck Newsom, Philadelphia, having a pair. New York and Philadelphia each were beaten by 1-0 scores on four occasions, but Boston suffered only one shutout by this margin. Brightest spot in this section was the 1-0 shutout scored Sept. 9 by Fowler of Philadelphia as he pitched a no-hitter against St. Louis.

CHESS

A good deal of chess activity today is taking place in Argentine, this being due principally to the fact that a number of refugee chess players fleeing from the countries in Europe have settled in Argentine. One of their most successful tournaments concluded at La Plata was productive of excellent chess and was the forerunner of numerous other local matches constantly being played between the masters. We present one of these local games.

GUIMARD	CZERNIAK
1. P-Q4	1. Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	2. P-K3
3. Kt-KB3	3. P-Q4
4. Kt-B3	4. B-K2
5. B-Bt5	5. O-O
6. P-K3	6. P-KR3
7. B-R4	7. Kt-K5
8. BxB	8. QxB
9. PxP	9. KtxKt
10. PxKt	10. PxP
11. Q-Kt3	11. Q-Q3
12. P-B4	12. PxP
13. BxP	13. Kt-B3
14. Q-Kt2	14. P-QKt3
15. O-O	15. B-Kt2
16. KR-K1	16. KR-K1
17. P-K4	17. Kt-R4
18. B-Q3	18. Q-B5
19. R-K3	19. BxP?
20. P-Kt3	20. Q-B3
21. BxB	21. RxB
22. RxR	22. QxKt
23. &R-K1	23. Q-Q6
24. Q-K2	24. Q-QB6
25. Q-Kt5	25. P-Kt3
26. R-K8ch	26. K-R2
27. Q-Q5	27. Resigns

PROBLEM

PROBLEM No. 3926
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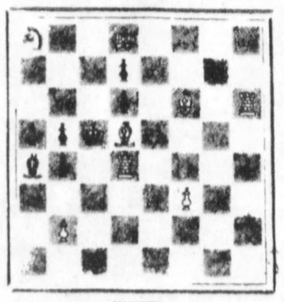

WHITE

White to mate in 3.

Solution to Problem No. 3926 R-Q2. If B-B3 then R-R5; if P-Kt6 then Kt-B7.

Under Ohio Skies

AS TOLD BY The CONSERVATION DIVISION

Will Box For Local 12 Fans

Four of the fighters to appear on the first Local 12 amateur boxing show at the Civic Auditorium next Tuesday are pictured above at the Highland Park, Michigan, Boys' Club. The boxers who will come here with a good reputation are left to right, Joe Mizzi, Charley Whitebeaver, Ray Mizzi, and Al Joseph.

Ohio State Sports Roundup

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11 — Highlighted by national championships in golf and swimming, the 1945 varsity teams of Ohio State University finished among the Big Ten's first division in nine of ten activities.

Coach Robert Kepler's golf team not only won individual and team honors in the Western Conference, but repeated the grand slam in the NCAA tournament here last June. The swimming team, after finishing second to Michigan in the conference meet, won the NCAA event in the Ann Arbor pool.

Other sports high in the conference standings were: basketball, second to Iowa, and tennis, second to Michigan.

Football attendance was a season's high spot, the Buckeyes leading the nation with an outpouring of 554,499 fans in nine games. The Ohio State home mark breaks the previous high of 336,802, set in 1944 for seven games. By going over the half-million mark for the season, the Bucks established a new record for the Western Conference and easily surpassed the old over-all figure of 486,468, set in 1941.

BOWLING TIPS

Q—Do you advise women to bowl the regulation 16-pound ball?

A—It depends on the physical qualifications of the individual. The majority of women prefer a ball weighing less than 16 pounds.

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Q—Does lofting a ball give it more hook or spin?

A—On the contrary, it causes a ball to skid down an alley, instead of hook. The better bowlers loft their ball only when an alley is very slow and works into the kingpin abruptly. By lofting it (to skid it), they usually manage to keep it on the strike side.

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Q—Why is a hook ball preferred for competitive bowling?

A—The twist or turn imparted to a hook ball causes the pins to assume a spin, and this spin creates a greater "spulling" action. A straight ball, entirely without spin, strikes the pins straight on, and get little help from spinning pin to pin contact.

Local 12 Bowling

By Ed Mandy

After a two week holiday lay off all four Local 12 Bowling Loops are at it again. The American and National Divisions which perform on Wednesday evening at Hagerty's started the New Year's ball rolling by putting three bowlers in the city's honor roll. Clarence Gartz of Auto-Lite led the trio with his 614 followed by Cap Wekwert of Standard Commutator with a 601 series and Bill Walters of Hall Mfg. hitting 600 on the nose.

Ed Mandy

The hottest bowler in Local 12 circles at present is Don Gavin of National Supply Squadron averaging something like 201 in his last 12 games, with Mel (Moe) Muszynski in the runner up spot for these honors with his 193 average after holding a fair average with Uncle Sam for over three years.

The usual stuff is reported from the International Division with the Canco boys still holding a slight lead and Mother Spring, Willys and Toledo Pressed Steel pressing close behind.

In the U.A.W. Local 12 Ladies' Bowling League the Toledo Steel Products who have been on top of the heap for the last 2 months just keep rolling along sweeping 3 more games from Auto-Lite last week. Maxine Slaughterbeck T. S. P. southpaw led the attack shooting a man sized 550 series.

The Packard Motors keep piling up wins but still trail the T. S. P. team by 2 games, its been that way the last 6 weeks. Vic Truna, Packards Anchor and one of the best female keglers in town is really in stride the last few weeks, her name was noticed in the city's honor roll about seven times in that period leading it on two occasions once with a rousing 607 score.

A Sound Idea

The field goal feature of collegt football could be helped in two ways: first, by increasing its scoring value to four points, thereby making two of them worth more than one touchdown. Or, second, by moving the goal posts back to the goal line to encourage either drop or place kicks.

Changing the scoring value of the field goal would inject a new and spectacular play into the present attack. If the field goal could be made to pay better point dividends, it would be resorted to more frequently by teams that tend to bog down within the 20-yard line.

Increasing employment of the field goal woull in no way interefere with running or forward passing attacks, but would revive a once vital feature of the college gridiron. And don't forget that it takes a lot of good hard fotball to get within booting distance of the goal, even when the posts are on the goal line.

Baseball Briefs

Biggest shutout score of the 1945 American League season was the 13 to 0 victory scored by New York over Chicago. Next most decisive shutout score was by an 11 to 0 count, and oddly this score came up no fewer than six times, Detroit winning by that margin twice and the other 11-0 wins being registered by New York, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Chicago.

On six occasions in 1945, pinch hitters came up with home runs, Frank Crosetti of New York and Zeb Eaton of Detroit accomplishing this feat twice each. The other pinch homer hitters were George McQuinn, St. Louis, and Russ Derry of New York.

Twelve American League players scored four runs in one game during the 1945 American League season, three of them being the speedy Washington trio of George Case, Joe Kuhel and George Myatt.

High total for strikeouts during a single game in the 1945 American League season was 13, registered by Thornton (Lefty) Lee of Chicago's White Sox against Cleveland June 12. On July 27, Russ Christopher of Philadelphia fanned 12 against New York, whiffing every Yankee in the lineup at least once.

Sportsmen's Quiz

Answers wil be found elesewhere on this page but don't peep until you've tried all the questions.—Editor.

1. True or false. The Coot or Mudhen has a webbed foot?
2. True or false. The Coot or Mudhen belongs to the duck family?
3. What is a coniferous tree?
4. What is a deciduous tree?

BOWLING ETIQUETTE

Remain in back of foul line at all times.

Control your temper and refrain from abusive language—the pins can't hear you your fellow bowlers do not appreciate it.

If a bowler on an adjoining alley is addressing the pins, do not step in front of him to pick your ball off the rack but remain out of sight until he is well on his way.

If you are both ready to bowl at the same time, give him the first privilege unless he signals for you to proceed first.

While delivering your ball, use only the width of your alley for any "contortion" or "body english" in which you may wish to indulge.

After delivering the ball, walk straight back and do not remain standing at the foul line for an excessive length of time.

Do not talk to a bowler while he is addressing his pins or try to distract his attention.

Be a good sport at all times—give credit where credit is due, and remember it is easy to be a good winner, but it takes a lot of sportsmanship to be a good loser.

Remember that bowling is just a game, and that splits, misses, and "taps" are just as much a part of it as strikes and spares.

Be on time for league meetings, matches and competitions and thus be considerate of your fellow bowlers.

Local 12 Basketball League Opens

The 1946 Local 12 Basketball League started off with a bang Monday night in the Scott High School gymnasium. A capacity crowd of basketball fans attended the opening of the league.

In the opening game on the three-game program, the smooth-working Toledo Pipe Threading team had a fairly easy time with the Toledo Tubes who seemed to have a little difficulty in getting started. The score at the end of play was 23 to 9, with the Pipe Threaders on the long end. Jack Wolfe performed well for the winners.

The Champion Spark Plug boys pounced on the Gordon Bumper players and beat them to the tune of 41 to 14. Jack Clifford scored 12 points for the Sparkers and was instrumental in the victory by playing a good floor game.

In the last game of the evening the classy outfit of the Auto-Lite Unit played a hard fought game with the Spicer Unit. The game was closely played throughout, but the Auto-Lite boys proved stronger and possessed better shooting eyes in the closing minutes of play. The lead changed hands several times and finally the Auto-Lite forged ahead and then stayed there until the final score read 33 to 25 in their favor.

The following is the schedule for the Local 12 Basketball League to be played at Scott Hi, Monday, January 14.

The first game to be played between the Spicer Unit team and the Surface Combustion five, the latest Unit to enter a team in the league, will begin promptly at 7 p. m.

DeVilbiss will tangle with the Auto-Lite team in the second game. The third game will bring together the Toledo Pipe Threading team and the Gordon Bumper players. The fourth and final game of the evening will find the Champion Spark Plug pitted against the Toledo Tubes.

Men and women still in the armed forces are not required to purchase hunting and fishing licenses although many of them have done so in the interest of conservation and the perpetuation of the outdoor sports.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. False. The Coot or Mudhen has a lobed foot. 2. False. It belongs to the rail family. 3. Any tree which bears cones such as the pine anud cypress. 4. Any tree which loses its leaves at regular times such as the oaks, maples.

Indian Crafty and Puncher; Flashy Detroiters To Box

The first of the weekly amateur boxing shows will be held next Tuesday, January 15, at the Civic Auditorium, the "curtain raiser" bout being scheduled for 8:30 p. m. The show is sanctioned by the National Amateur Athletic Union and will be conducted according to its rules.

A fight card has been arrangedwhich will bring together the best amateur mittmen from Detroit and Fremont. In all there will be ten bouts which will be packed with anxious, hard-punching, and clever boxers.

The feature bout of the evening, which will be sixth on the program, will be fought between Charley Whitebeaver, full-blooded Winnebago Indian, one of the hardest punchers in amateur circles, and Ray Barnes of the Brewster A. C. in Detroit. They are welterweights and the class and punching power of both boys promises a stand-out match.

Efforts are still being made to match Jerry Heminger, a Golden Gloves titleist from Fremont, with one of the best boys in the light-heavyweight class around Detroit. Jerry recently was released from service where he won the championship of Treasure Island, California.

The first bout on the program will bring together George Haddad, who made quite a hit a few years ago with the fight fans when he was fighting for the Boys' Club of Toledo, and George Nickulazakio, a promising newcomer from the Fremont stable of Art Kolbe.

Other bouts arranged for the card include Ray Mizzi vs. Charles Love at 135 pounds; Al Joseph vs. Henry Davis at 165 pounds; Chuck Spieser vs. Earl Harris, who was defeated by Charley Whitebeaver. They will fight at 155 pounds. Frank Palizzi and Jim Crumb are matched at 120 pounds and are very fast and clever. Joe Parissi will tangle with Lester Felton in a speedy bout in the 126 pound class. Opponents are being sought for Casimir Kotch and Norbert Kolbe, both of Fremont.

Ray Mizzi, Al Joseph, Charley Whitebeaver and George Lucas will represent the Highland Park Boys' Club, and Henry Davis, Ray Barnes, Earl Harris and Jim Crumb will represent the Brewster A. C., while Charles Love, Joe Parissi, Chuck Spieser and Frank Palizzi will box for the honor and glory of the Annunciation Gym of Detroit.

Judges for the bouts will be Jack Brady, Harry Collins and Jack McAllister. Joe Lohman, Red McDonald, Tommy Adair, Laverne Keller, Lloyd Bennett, and Jack Keller will be the referees. Timekeepers will be Maurie Monetta, Louie Haynes and Hank Rigney. The matchmaking will be done by a committee consisting of Herman P. Keller, Jack Cronin, Tommy Adair and Mary Lohman.

No One Hits Homer "Jackpot"

For the first time in three seasons no American Leaguer hit a home run in every park, two players coming within one park of that mark in 1945.

Vern (Junior) Stephens, the St. Louis shortstop who led the league in four-base blows with 24, failed to hit a home run at Washington while getting circuit clouts at the other seven parks. Rudy York, former Detroit first sacker, failed to homer only at St. Louis.

Stephens had but one homer at Chicago and Cleveland and of his 24 total made 13 in his home layout. York got two in the tough Washington park, made one each in Philadelphia, New York and Cleveland, and banged out nine at Detroit. There were only 20 players who made eight or more homers during the season, and of this number only five got 15 or more; Stephens 24, York, Eetten of New York and Cullenbine of Detroit 18 each and Heath, Cleveland, 15.

In 1942 both Ted Williams and Joe Di Maggio missed homering in every park, but in 1943 Charley Keller of New York turned the trick and in 1944 another Yank, Johnny Lindell, got at least one in each American League park.

Money-Earning Fists

At least three ringmen earned over one million dollars directly with their fists, and a fourth, John L. Sullivan, grossed well over $1,000,000 due to prize ring fame.

The "Golden Trio" is made up of Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, and Gene Tunney, in that order. It is also said that both Jack Sharkey and Max Schmelling each made over a million.

Jack Dempsey was a pugilist for about six years before he won the championship from Jess Willard on July 4, 1919 in Toledo. But his earnings thruout those years were relatively small, and did not amount to more than $100,000.

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New USES Fight Takes Shape

State's Rights Again To Be Basis Of Fight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (LPA)—A new battle royal over return of the function of the U. S. Employment Service to the states is slated to begin the very day that Congress reconvenes, Jan. 14. President Truman's pocket veto on Dec. 23 served to sharpen the issue and bring the opposing forces into greater cohesion.

Spearheading the reactionary fight for removal of USES from Federal control is the U. S. Conference of Governors whose chairman, Republican Governor Martin, Pennsylvania, announced that a committee would meet in Washington before Congress reconvened to map out plans.

Belatedly House leaders now admit, according to Rep. Clarence Cannan (D., Mo.) that the method of trying to force through the measure by tacking it on as a rider to a $52 billion dollar war appropriations recission bill was "unfair."

To prevent a repetition of the rider strategy—which was vigorously criticized by Truman—two new bills will be introduced, one the recission measuse, and the other to return USES to the states. The first will be handled by the Appropriations Committee, the second by the Labor Committee.

Need Federal USES

With 3,000,000 currently employed and with some 5,000,000 additional veterans due to be discharged in the next few months, labor leaders emphasize that the need for a federally controlled USES will become constantly greater.

Although asking for permanent federal control, they support President Truman who has called for a government-operated USES until June, 1947. They concur, also with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt who declared last week that "returning this service to the control of the various states would make it impossible for any coordinated information, covering the country as a whole, to be available.

In the coming months this coordinated information is going to be of great value, and for that reason alone, I am more than grateful that the President has had the courage and the statesmanship to send this veto message."

Veterans Are Placed

Labor Secretary Schwellenbach, meanwhile, in a New Years message to USES employes disclosed that since V-J Day the agency has placed more than 500,000 veterans in jobs, has referred 6,200,000 to employers and recorded the placement of 3,000,000.

Symptomatic of how swiftly the employment picture has changed was the discovery last week that the number of stringent labor market areas in the nation has dropped to four, while the areas of widespread unemployment jumped from 11 to 18 within the past month.

The stringent areas are: Washington, D. C., Peoria, Ill., Hampton Roads, Va., Richmond, Va.

Outstanding among the cities where unemployment is increasing are: Los Angeles (where large numbers of servicemen are being discharged and in-migration has grown steadily); Altoona, Pa.; Macon, Ga., (Where closing of munitions industries has disemployed thousands); Duluth and Superior, Wis.

Patience Pays Off

HOQUIAM, Wash. (LPA.) — The highest scale in the furniture industry west of the Mississippi was the reward of six months patient negotiating for members of Local 1413 Upholsterers' Int'l Union-AFL.

The renewed agreement effective Oct. 1, 1945, between the UIU and the Northwest Furniture Manufacturers, representing 29 factories, increased all classifications of workers 10c an hour, added 5c hourly to the rates for all premium jobs and includes two weeks' paid vacations. A time and one-half holiday rate was set for firemen and watchmen.

Union Accuses Lumber Barons

PORTLAND, Ore. Jan. 8 — (LPA) — The "lumber barons" of the United States are all set with their postwar plans to continue to despoil the forest wealth of the nation for their own private gain. Proof of this is seen by Ellery Foster of the Int'l Woodworkers of America-CIO in their discussions at a recent meeting of western lumber industry men, government foresters and forest school leaders here.

Foster cites attacks at the meeting on the proposed Columbia River Authority, which would enable the northwest to plan its future growth in the interests of the people, and the nature of their discussions on scientific forest management.

AFL Disputes Truman Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (LPA) —AFL President William Green last week took issues with President Truman's assertions on labor laws and on the state of collective bargaining in his "State of the Nation" radio speech.

"We do not agree," Green said, "with the President's recommendation for compulsory cooling-off and fact-finding machinery to deal with labor-management disputes. We consider this cure worse than the disease. This legislation would be unworkable and dangerous. It would make wage-fixing a permanent Government policy, it would subject labor and management to control by Government boards, it would nullify the safeguards of the Norris-LaGuardia Act by reviving court injunctions against labor and it would subject labor unions once more to the vicious doctrine of conspiracy.

"It is not accurate to say that collective bargaining and voluntary arbitration have broken down in major industries such as automobiles and steel. The plain facts are that real collective bargaining and voluntary arbitration have never been put into practice in these industries."

The AFL head did express the AFL's hearty endorsement of Truman's "demands for legislation to protect human needs during reconversion. We believe that the failure of Congress to enact adequate full employment, unemployment compensation, minimum wage, housing and health insurance legislation, has contributed in large measure to industrial unrest. We join President Truman in appealing to the American people to urge their representative in Congress to vote for these measures."

Wage Control Is Now Ended

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (LPA) —Wartime wage-control machinery officially ended last week, and a new body, the Wage Stabilization Board, was set up by President Truman to carry on wage stabilization activities. The new board, like the WLB, has on it representatives of management, labor and the public.

The WSB will deal with three major parts of President Truman's "wage policy" and will pass on wage increases where price ceiling boosts or increased costs to the government are at stake.

Wage increases will be allowed by the WSB where straight time average hourly wage boosts are asked to compensate for a 33% rise in the cost of living; to ease manpower shortages in industries holding up reconversion; to correct inequities between plants.

The new board will have no power to enforce decisions, but will carry on the work of the steel, textile and meat packing industry panels set up originally by the WLB to deal with wage disputes in these industries.

On To Victory!

Bobby Crawford of Des Moines, Iowa, is in the home stretch now thanks to an assist from the March of Dimes. He's come a long way from the leg braces that started him on the road to recovery from a crippling attack of infantile paralysis.

In every state of the Union, thousands of other youngsters are striving for victory over this big baffling disease, and they look to you for help.

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Western Union Strike Limited

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (LPA) —A War Labor Board award of pay increases of 12c per hour for the average Western Union worker, along with retroactive pay awards totalling $500 each, resulted last week in a decision to cancel the scheduled strike of 50,000 AFL members in WU establishments outside of New York City.

By unanimous vote, the Western Union Division of the Commercial Telegraphers Union-AFL called off the strike. Previously, a rapid poll of locals showed an overwhelming majority in favor of accepting the WLB decision, according to W. L. Allen, international president.

All means of communication were used by local presidents to get word to members that the strike was off, including radio announcements. The union's decision was made only three days before Jan. 7 when the strike was scheduled to begin.

Western Union grudgingly agreed to abide by the WLB decision, and meetings are scheduled for this week to expedite payment of the 10c per hour per employe pay retroactive to Nov. 14, 1943, amounting to more than $500 per employe, and to make effective the additional pay increases averaging 12c per worker per hour.

Meanwhile, Western Union employes in New York, where the American Communications Association-CIO is the bargaining agent, were less pleased with a companion decision of the National WLB, and continued plans to strike on Jan. 8. In this case, the WLB pared down a wage award by the New York regional WLB, with the result that it machtes the 12c raise granted in the rest of the country.

"If free enterprise in America is to survive, it has got to work; it has got to demonstrate an ability not only to create earnings for the investors, but it has got to create an ability and a willingness to give millions of common Americans economic security."

—Walter Reuther

"High wages are essential to the movement of production to even higher levels, with sustained profits for management."

—Chester Bowles, OPA Chief

Keep Your Eye On Congress

BILL	WHAT IT DOES	WHERE IT IS	ACTION
Anti-strike (S 1661, HR 4908)	Carries out Truman message of Dec. 3 by setting up anti-strike apparatus.	Hearings put over to mid-January in House and Senate Labor Committee after protest by Pres. Murray.	Write Senators and Representatives to vote against.
Hobbs (HR 32)	Prohibits normal union activity such as picketing, soliciting dues, membership, etc., under guise of "anti-racketeering."	Passed House. Now to Senate.	Write Senators to oppose; check Representative's vote.
May-Arends (HR 3937)	Outlaws union political action; sets jail, fines for strikes in "violation of contract."	Move to bring on House floor defeated, but can come up again.	Write Senators and Representatives to oppose.
65c wage floor (S 1349, HR 3914)	Sets minimum wages at 65 cents first year, then 75 cents, extends coverage.	Sen. Ellender (D., La.) trying filibuster in Labor Committee.	Write Senators to work for quick passage, no phoney "compromise."
FEPC (S 101, HR 2232)	Makes FEPC permanent U. S. Govt. agency. Present agencies being liquidated now.	Stalled in House Rules Committee. Discharge Petition 4 has 157 signatures, needs 218.	Write your Representative to sign if he hasn't already.
Polltax repeal (HR 7)	Makes it possible to retire polltax Senators and Representatives.	Passed House, stalled in Senate.	Write your Senators to push for early action, no amendment.

Capitalist Anarchy

by Ben Dor
LPA Columnist

DETROIT—'A fighting town,' this local union president called it — Detroit, the automobile center of the world. Right now, it's the center, too, of one of the most important fights of our time, a strike over wages and prices, a strike over how many workers may be sentenced to unemployment so that industry may make unlimited profits.

A few weeks ago, it saw one of the nastiest political fights ever staged, a fight over whether a labor man could be mayor of this great industrial city. Labor lost the fight and unfortunately didn't even get out of it the satisfaction of knowing the fight had been well fought.

During Christmas week labor got into another fight — a political and legal fight over street car fares. Again labor lost, and the 6c street car fares have now gone up to 10c.

Labor in Detroit is used to fighting and losing — but it has won some great victories, too. Perhaps the greatest victory of all was organizing the auto industry, but that fight isn't over. And this time, the union has landed a punch on the corporations' sorest spot — profits — and the corporations are screaming wildly.

WHOSE BUSINESS?

"Our profits," says GM, "are none of the people's damn business."

That's not a new point of view. It's been expressed over and over again by capitalists since America began. "The people — well, they just don't count;" or, even more direct, "The public be damned." That has been capitalism's answer time and time again, when it has been asked to accept the responsibilities of power as well as its privileges.

A GM striker in Detroit put it very well when I talked to him a short while ago. "These capitalists are anarchists," he said.

He was talking about GM's behavior over the fact-finding panel that Truman has set up to decide the facts in the auto workers strike. The union has given the panel every bit of cooperation that it could. It has kept its GM strike committee in Washington for days, meeting with the fact-finding panel, doing everything possible to help the government decide what the facts really are.

But, just at the time when its cooperation was most needed, the GM withdrew from the proceedings. The union wanted the company officials to stay. The panel wanted their help. The President himself had asked them to cooperate with the panel. But GM preferred to put half-truths before the people in expensive newspaper ads, rather than work with the government panel, which might end up giving the people all of the truth about this corporation's profits and its position on the wage issue.

The workers cannot and would not strike against the government. The corporations don't hesitate to do it. If that is capitalism, then the capitalists are anarchists, said this GM striker. Or the corporations are greater than the U. S. government and the people it is set up to represent.

In Detroit, people know what this means. They know what it means for the strikers to have to defy a corporation like GM under these conditions in the middle of winter. On every hand, I heard compliments for the spirit which the GM workers are showing. And a civic committee has been meeting to set up plans for helping the strikers with money and in any other way that is possible.

Detroiters know, too, that the corporation and the auto dealers will lose very little by the strike. I heard rumors that orders are being taken for Chevrolets at $1800 each. All I could say when I heard the rumors was — wow!

So, everybody seems to be protected except the people — the people who won't thumb their noses at the government as the corporation has done; who have no tax refunds and reserves to fall back on as the corporation has; who have nothing to sell at black market prices as the dealers seem to be able to do, and who can't afford to offer $1800 for a Chevrolet, as some Detroiters can.

All that the strikers have is the knowledge that they're fighting for their own jobs and the prosperity of a nation. That plus the determination to see the job through.

That, as I view it, is the meaning of so many things I saw while I was in Detroit recently. That's the meaning of the picket line I saw walking in the bitter cold of Detroit's windswept streets. That's the meaning of the large pile of picket signs behind the Christmas tree in the office of the auto workers union.

The boys are seeing this one through.

GM Walked Out On Them

President Truman's fact-finding board for the General Motors strike did everything it could to placate the world's richest corporation but the GM representatives thumbed their nose at the board and walked out when the President directed that ability to pay could be considered in discussion of labor's demand for a 30% wage increase. (L. to R.) Chief Justice Walter R. Stacey, of the North Carolina Supreme Court; Lloyd K. Garrison, board chairman; Milton Eisenhower, president of Kansas State College. (LPA)

Unions Show Solidarity

STAMFORD, Conn. (LPA)— In a demonstration of labor solidarity unprecedented since Pearl Harbor, organized labor closed down all major industries, including 20 factories, for a half day here last week in a general strike in support of 3000 members of the International Association of Machinists-AFL who have been on strike for the past 10 weeks against the Yale & Towne Lock Co.

CIO workers joined AFL unionists in a parade of 10,000 through Stamford's business streets in protest against Yale & Towne's open-shop policies and against the company's calling in state police to break picket lines.

Even after the demonstration, however, management rejected a compromise plan and insisted on returning to the open shop. The IAM went on strike on Nov. 7 following eight months of futile negotiations in which the company demanded abrogation of a maintenance of membership clause which was written into a wartime contract over company objections. The firm, notorious throughout the east for its traditional anti-labor policies, is headed by W. Gibson Carey, former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. That his position on the open shop is no mere bargaining point was proved again last week in the statement of one of his representatives at a meeting with union officials. "Nearly a century of manufacturing experience convinces us," he said, "that only in an open shop can management best attain its twin objectives of quality production and efficiency of production."

The company's union busting stand was blasted by AFL and CIO leaders and even by Stamford's Mayor Moore who declared in open negotiations that "The only intimidation I've seen is from Yale & Towne, but because I wouldn't send police down to crack skulls, I've been slandered in the papers . . . I've stood up and said 'To hell with you.'"

IAM President Harvey Brown asserted that "The Yale & Towne situation is a glaring example of how some employers are taking advantage of the tax laws to destroy hard-won union gains and reestablish the open shop. Yale & Towne evidently can afford to wage this war against our union because the tax laws have been so formed that it is protected against losses. We don't believe Uncle Sam should make it financially profitable for corporations to provoke strikes and break unions," he emphasized.

Testimony given before the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee showed that Yale & Towne spent large sums during the 1930's for "industrial espionage, munitions and strike-breaking services." One IAM attempt to organize the plant was broken up when the company maneuvered a spy into union ranks.

Last week's demonstration was an orderly affair joined by workers from industries in surrounding towns. Bearing placards and wearing armbands the workers marched through Atlantic Square and past the Town Hall behind brass bands chanting "Settle Down and Negotiate, Yale & Towne!" A meeting of 56 AFL and CIO officials, representing, the newly-formed Stamford Combined Labor Organizations, announced at day's end that another general strike might be called next week. Only a very few business establishments remained open, even restaurants and bars closing their doors and store owners putting sympathetic placards in their windows.

Jobs For Women Is Predicted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (LPA) — Women workers in the years ahead, as a result of their wartime achievements, will find it easier to get jobs than they did in the 1920s and 1930s, predicts Frieda S. Miller, director of the Women's Bureau of the Dept. of Labor.

While there will still be employer prejudices to overcome, the 84% of women workers who must work to support themselves or to meet family obligations can feel confident that they have a fighting chance to get jobs, Miss Miller predicts in a 1946 summary of "What's Ahead For Women Workers" made public last week.

By 1950, Miss Miller says, there will be about 17,000,000 women working, and "this is a half million to a million more than there would have been without a war."

Service Fields Jobs

Women are least wanted in the durable goods industries, where a combination of employer prejudice and the nature of the work combine to bar most women job seekers. There are, however, many jobs open in the service fields. Better wages are paid in the durable goods industries — chemicals, electrical equipment, and scientific and professional instruments are three fields where there are large numbers of women employed.

Even in the traditionally low-paid services industries, there are still jobs that are well-paid and rewarding — for example,, the Women's Bureau points to the medical services ranging from doctors to laboratory and X-ray technicians, where more trained workers are urgently needed.

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Truman's Action Is Cloaked In Doubt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (LPA)—A nation-wide strike of more than 200,000 CIO packinghouse workers on Jan. 16 to enforce demands for a 25-cent-an-hour pay raise was scheduled last week amidst rumors that the President would seize the 147 plants before a walk-out occurred. Possibility was also seen that Truman might name a special fact-finding committee.

The 25 cents an hour would amount approximately to a 30 per cent wage hike, but the best counter-offer made so far has been 7½ cents an hour by Swift and Armour, two of the "big four" of meat packing which also includes Wilson and Cudahy. President Lewis J. Clark, of the United Packinghouse Workers, declared that the companies can afford the wage increase without raising prices. Packinghouse workers, he said, have received no general pay raise since Pearl Harbor and living costs have jumped 40 per cent.

Wages Are Reduced

Because of reduction of hours and overtime, he continued, packinghouse wages may soon drop to $30 and less a week. The union will settle for an immediate 17½-cent-an-hour raise with the understanding that the companies will negotiate the remainder later, Clark said.

Representatives of the packers quickly shrieked that the strike, which Clark said would be the first nation-wide packinghouse walkout, would "create a worse situation for retailers and consumers than the worst period of meat shortages just before rationing went into effect." Other industry spokesmen attempted to coerce public opinion by broadcasting that the nation's dealers had only three days' supply plies of meat on hand and these would be consumed in half a day if the strike came off.

Want Wage Raise

Clark declared flatly that "the only thing that will prevent this strike is a substantial wage increase."

Unexpected support came the UPW's way when top officers of the AFL meat cutters said they would propose that their union, the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen, join the CIO in a general strike to close down the industry "unless we get something considerably better than the 7½ cents." An Amalgamated conference will be held in Chicago Jan. 11-12.

UE Readies Its Strike

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (LPA)—Efforts of the U. S. Concilation Service to avert a threatened strike of more than 200,000 CIO workers in plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors collapsed again last week and members of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, the CIO's third largest union, prepared to join steel and auto in a nationwide walkout.

The UERMWA voted 5 to 1 to strike if necessary to obtain a $2 a day increase, amounting to about 30%. GE's offer of a 10% pay hike and GM's of a 13½c-an-hour raise was rejected by the union, GE's being described as "grossly inadequate to the needs of GE employes, whose earnings have been cut as much as 50%." James J. Matles, UERMWA organization director, said that acceptance of the GE offer "would only widen the gap between the women whose pay is low and the skilled workers. A tool maker would get 15c an hour," he said, "and a woman employe only 5½c. What we are asking is a decent per hour adjustment. Union officials indicated that if GE and Westinghouse made the same offer proposed by GM the union would reopen negotiations even though the 13½c is held inadequate. U. S. Concilation Service chief Edgar Warren admitted that little progress had been made in previous meetings, but he maintained hope that the strike could be avoided.

Bishops Fight Hunger

NEW YORK (LPA) — "The weapon of hunger is one that no American group wants to use against another," declared Eleanor Roosevelt and a group of prominent American bishops last week in establishing a national committee to help feed General Motors strikers. The strikers have already started to cash in their war bonds in order to eat, the group found.

In addition to Mrs. Roosevelt, the committee includes: Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Catholic Bishop of Chicago; Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Boston; Episcopal Bishop William Scarlett, of Mo.; Episcopal Bishop Edward L. Parsons of Ca.; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York; Former OPA Chief Leon Henderson; Walter White, of the Nat'l Ass'n for the Advancement of Colored People; Llewellyn Ross, New Canaan, Conn, businessman.

Hatch Decision Waits

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Decision on the validity of the Hatch Act must await the return of Justice Jackson from his trial of German war criminals it was announced here last week. The act forbids contributions from Federal employes to political campaigns, and observers believe the refusal of the Supreme Court to give a decision may be due to an even division of opinion. The United Federal Workers-CIO has challenged the act as a violation of the freedom of speech, press and assembly guaranteed all Americans.

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A Payroll Tax

We of organized labor agree that Toledo requires additional revenue to meet the need of expanding the police, fire and health departments and other necessary city services.

We agree that some method must be found to raise the funds with which to meet the obligations of the city.

We agree that some form of equitable taxation based upon ability to pay would be the best means of raising adequate municipal funds.

We agree that real estate cannot be the basis of securing additional revenue for the operation of our city government in the face of the repeated refusal of the voters to approve tax levies based upon real estate.

WE DISAGREE

We disagree with the proposed payroll tax ordinance now pending before City Council for the following reasons:

1. The tax as it now stands is not equitable in this, that it does not take into consideration inequalities of incomes and charges the highly paid executive and the low income worker the same rate without recognizing and allowing for the disparity in incomes.

2. The proposed payroll tax ordinance if passed by Council would be enacted for a period of five years without giving the citizens of Toledo an opportunity to vote on the measure.

OUR PROPOSAL

We stand foursquare behind the demands made by Richard Gosser to City Council on Dec. 28, 1945 and again on Jan. 7 when he in substance made the following demands:

If the financial needs of the city are as critical as they appear to be and City Council passes the tax they should do two things:

1. Write a provision into the ordinance providing exemptions for the low income earners. The sum named was $2500.

2. If the ordinance is passed, make provisions for submitting it to the voters in the November, 1946 election. The ordinance should not be enacted without providing for a referendum by the citizens.

WE RECOMMEND

That every citizen of Toledo, particularly those in the low wage income bracket, contact city Council by phone, letter, postcard or in person and express their opposition to the proposed payroll tax as it now stands. Ask Council not to approve this measure without placing adequate exemptions in the law and providing a referendum on this issue in the November election.

This is your city. You are the ones who will pay the tax. Protect yourself by showing your interest and concern now before you find yourself saddled with an objectionable tax which levies equally upon all citizens without regard to inequalities of income.

DO IT NOW! ATTEND CITY COUNCIL AND VOICE YOUR PROTEST AGAINST THE PAYROLL TAX ORDINANCE

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